

DAFFODILS AT-A-GLANCE



ABOUT

- Treated as an perennial in zones 4-8; annual elsewhere
- Plant as a bulbs in the fall
- Blooms in spring
- Bright tulip-shaped coronas surrounded by 6 petals

STATS

- Member of narcissus family
- Most grow between 6-30" tall & 6-12" wide
- Bloom colors include yellow, white, orange, pink, and red
- Deer resistant and rodent proof

REQUIREMENTS

- Grow in zones 4-8
- Requires full sun or dappled light
- Neutral soil pH of 6.0-7.0
- Very well-draining soil
- Soil temperatures need to be above 60° F
- Requires 12-16 weeks with temperatures below 35-45° F
- Can be planted in containers or forced indoors; bring containers indoors as weather cools; Store in a dark and cool place that is 35-45° F for at least 13 weeks before planting/bringing back outdoors

PLANTING BULBS

- Plant outdoors in fall about 2-4 weeks before the ground freezes
- Dig hole that is at least 3 times deeper than the height of bulb
- Add a few inches of compost
- Plant bulbs with pointy end up
- Space bulbs 4-6" apart
- Cover with a 50/50 mix of compost and soil
- Lightly tamp down and water
- Bulbs go dormant over winter and shoots will emerge in early spring

MAINTENANCE

- Only water when soil 3" below is dry in the spring.
- Water at soil level, not overhead
- Fertilize lightly with 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 fertilizer
- Only prune dead blooms
- Once foliage turns brown, can then remove

ISSUES

- Pests like narcissus nematode, bulb mites, snails, slugs, & bulb flies
- Gray mold and bulb rot

MISC

- Blooms will return as long as winters stay below 45° F; Otherwise dig up in summer & store until fall



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