

TULIPS AT-A-GLANCE



ABOUT

- Annual/Perennial
- Planted as bulbs in the fall
- Blooms during spring from March to May
- Each bulb produces one tulip bloom on top of a long stalk
- Can be difficult to bloom a 2nd year so often grown as annuals

STATS

- Over 3,000 varieties grouped into 15 different categories
- Range from 6" to 2' tall
- Popular varieties include single, double, parrot, triumph, and Darwin hybrid
- Bloom colors in red, orange, yellow, green, pink, purple, white, and multicolored

REQUIREMENTS

- Growing Zones 3-8
- Prefers full sun
- Can be planted in any soil type as long as it is well draining; amend with compost and sand
- Can be planted indoors in warmer locations; Store in a dark and cool place that is 35-45° F for at least 13 weeks before planting outdoors

PLANTING BULBS

- Plant in fall about 6 weeks before first freeze when soil temp is 60° or lower
- Loosen soil 12-15"; add compost
- Place bulbs about 2-3x the height of bulb deep with pointy end up
- Space bulbs 2-6" apart
- Cover with soil & lightly tamp down
- Add couple inches mulch
- Water thoroughly & water weekly if no rain until ground freezes
- Bulbs go dormant over winter and shoots will emerge in early spring

MAINTENANCE

- Can keep mulch in spring but keep away from stems
- May use fertilizer or bone meal
- Only water if severe drought
- Deadhead only spent blooms but leave green foliage
- Cut foliage once brown & dying

ISSUES

- Rodents & squirrels like eating fall-planted bulbs
- Aphids, snails, nematodes & slugs
- Gray mold and bulb rot

MISC

- Make excellent cut flowers
- Cut stems diagonally and place in cool water; blooms last 7-10 days



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