



Steps for Bulb Planting and Forcing

- 1) Plant bulbs in soil with points up! Points should be right at the soil surface.
- 2) Water until soil is moist.
- 3) Put in a cool place (50° F) such as a garage, porch, or window well for two weeks to allow bulbs to develop roots. **Be sure to protect the bulbs from squirrels and chipmunks.** They love to eat them!
- 4) After roots develop, place the pot into a plastic bag and into the refrigerator for 10 weeks.

OR

Mulch into a cold frame, a shady spot in the yard, or a window well. Make sure to choose a spot that won't be encrusted with snow and ice. (This period of cold - 10 weeks at 35 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit - changes the enzymes in the bulb, stimulating flower growth and development upon warming.)

- 5) At the end of the cold period, bulbs perform best if they are "warmed up" with temperatures from 50-60° F. If the temperature is too warm, the plants will become floppy. Place in a cool window, room, or porch. Keep moist -- flowers will appear in two to four weeks.