

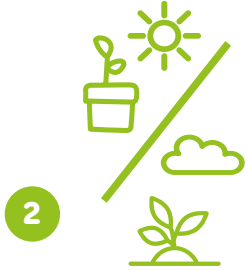


How to plant flower bulbs

Help your flower bulbs off to a good start by following these **six easy steps**:



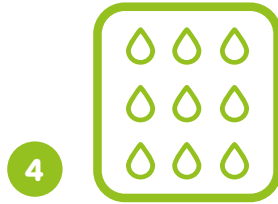
1 Plant bulbs at the right time of year. Most spring-flowering bulbs are planted during autumn, while summer-flowering bulbs are planted in spring.



2 Choose a suitable location in your garden. Consider factors like sunlight, soil type, and drainage. Most bulbs prefer well-drained soil and at least partial sunlight.



3 Dig a hole or trench that has the right depth for the specific bulb you are planting. Typically, bulbs are planted at a depth of 2-3 times their height both in pots and in soil. The depth can vary between 5 to 15 cm.



4 Place the bulbs in the hole or trench with the pointed end facing upward. If you're not sure which end is up, plant the bulb on its side, and it will usually correct itself as it grows. Cover the bulbs with soil, gently pat it down to remove air pockets.



5 Give the newly planted bulbs a good soak after planting. The soil needs to be consistently moist (not waterlogged), especially during the growing season.



6 Deadhead to encourage the bulb to put more energy into bulb development rather than seed production. Allow the foliage to wither and die naturally after flowering. This helps the bulb store energy for the next season.