

Timely Tips for November Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

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Plant Bulbs Now for Spring Show!

This is the perfect time to plant bulbs for spring, they should be in the ground before the first frost and planted while the soil is still easy to work with. Some of the most popular bulbs are tulips, hyacinth and daffodils. Iris, daylilies and gladiolas should also be planted at this time of year, although they are not "true" bulbs, but; rhizomes, tubers and corms, respectively. Yet all of these, like bulbs, require the cooler soil of winter to generate healthy new growth in spring.

Location

Spring-blooming bulbs almost always prefer full sun. Look for sunny area for you beds not just for the best plant growth, but also because this is where the soil will warm first and it will provide the earliest possible blooms. An often overlooked location is around deciduous trees and shrubs. Although they may create deep shade by late spring, they will offer plenty of sun when spring bulbs are blooming.

Soil Preparation and Planting

Work Calloway's Flowerbed Mix into the soil, or an organic compost, to a depth of 6" to 8". Plant bulbs 7" to 9" apart, with the pointy end upwards. Cover with soil and quality mulch at least 3" deep to prevent weed growth.

Your first spring planting task accomplished, relax and enjoy the winter holiday season. For more garden tips visit www.calloways.com.

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