

Daffodils FOR DUMMIES

Tip Sheet

- Daffodils are bulbs that survive Canadian winters and bloom every year, as long as their leaves get enough sun AFTER blooming to prepare a flower for the next year.
- Each bulb produces 1 flower, but daffodil bulbs will multiply – little baby bulbs will grow attached to the original – and more flowers will be produced.
- Plant daffodil bulbs in a SUNNY location where their leaves can be left standing until they turn yellow on their own – then they can be cut, NOT BEFORE.
- If you plant daffodils in a garden, plant a daylily or other perennial near them to disguise their dying leaves.
- Daffodils bloom for 3-6 weeks each spring, depending on the weather.
- The only thing daffodils do not like is “wet feet”, so don’t plant them in a swamp or low-lying area where there may be standing water.
- Daffodil bulbs are usually not bothered by squirrels or moles the way tulips sometimes are.
- Plant the bulbs with the pointed end up, at a depth of 3X the size of the bulb – usually about 8” deep - and 2” apart.
- Daffodils look best when planted in clumps of odd numbers. Dig a hole 8” deep and about 12” across. Arrange 5 bulbs around the edge of the circle, and cover with soil.
- Fences along the roadside are excellent places for daffodils, since the large mowers used by road crews do not usually reach that far. Just pry up a chunk of sod, shovel depth, place your bulbs underneath, and stomp it back down.
- A clump of daffodils planted at every 3rd post of a fence looks lovely in the spring. Tie a small ribbon to the fence to mark each spot where you planted this year, so next fall you will know where to continue your plantings.