



TULIP GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: TULIPS **Family Name:** Liliaceae

Botanical Name: Tulipa **Plant Type:** Bulb

Size: 20-60cm H x 15cm W **Planting Width:** 15cm **Depth:** 10cm

Planting Time: Autumn **Positioning:** Full sun position, but can be grown

Flowering: Spring in a position that receives at least half a day full sun.

General Information: Suitable for temperate/dry and Mediterranean climates. Require winter chilling in warm climates.

Watering: Tulips like to be kept cool and moist but not too wet. After planting, water well, and once leaves appear they should be given a good watering every 7-10 days depending on how dry the weather is. During dry times of the year, be sure to water regularly, especially after the buds have appeared.

Fertilising: Prepare the soil with a complete organic fertiliser before planting and then use a liquid fertiliser once the buds have appeared and then again after the flowers have faded.

Soil: Well-drained soil, high in organic matter.

Lifting & Storage: Should be lifted each year. Dig after the foliage has turned yellow. Allow the bulbs to dry out, out of the sun, and then store them in a cool, dry and airy position.

Pests: Aphids can be controlled by regular rinsing and insecticide.

Tips: Plant in cool weather (late April or May), if required place bulbs in the crisper for 4-6 weeks before planting.

Double, Darwin and Triumph Tulips flower earlier than Single Late and Parrot varieties, so to keep Tulips in bloom throughout the season plant a mixture of early and late flowering varieties. They like some protection from the wind.