

Daffodil Growing Guide

Harbingers of Spring

Daffodils are among the first flowers to bloom in spring, their cheerful yellow and white trumpets announcing winter's end. These reliable bulbs naturalize readily, returning year after year with increasing numbers of blooms.

Planting Basics

Plant bulbs in fall, about 6 inches deep and 3-6 inches apart, with the pointed end up. Choose a location with full sun to partial shade and well-drained soil. Daffodils are deer and rodent resistant, making them ideal for gardens with wildlife pressure.

Division and Care

Every few years, when flowering decreases, dig and divide crowded clumps after foliage dies back. Let foliage yellow naturally after blooming - it's feeding next year's flowers. Deadhead spent blooms but leave stems to photosynthesize.

Forcing Indoors

Bring spring indoors by forcing daffodils in pots. Pot bulbs in fall, chill for 12-15 weeks in a cold (35-45°F) dark location, then bring into warmth and light. They'll bloom in 3-4 weeks, bringing sunshine to winter windowsills.