

Success with Amaryllis

How to Plant & Grow These Spectacular Bulbs

Growing Amaryllis

Amaryllis is one of the easiest indoor bulbs to grow. They are available late October through December and can be planted until the end of April. Flowering times begin in early December and can extend through the end of May, depending on when the bulb is planted.

Planting Amaryllis

1. Select a clay, ceramic or decorative pot 1½"-2" wider in diameter than the bulb and at least as deep. Heavier clay or ceramic pots work best because their weight provides stability, preventing the pot from toppling over from the weight of the flowers. The pot should have a hole in the bottom for good drainage.
2. Fill the pot with a high quality indoor potting mix and add a slow release fertilizer. We can help you find the products you need to be successful.
3. Place the amaryllis bulb into the soil, gently spreading the roots so that the top half (pointed end) of the bulb is protruding above the soil and the bottom half is below.
4. Water your bulb thoroughly after potting.

Caring for Amaryllis

1. Place your newly-potted amaryllis bulb on a sunny windowsill in a cool room with temperatures between 55–65 degrees.

2. Water only when the soil feels very dry to touch. Keeping the soil too wet may rot the bulb. As the roots grow, the frequency of watering should be increased accordingly.



3. Flower buds should emerge in 6–10 weeks, but some varieties may take longer. Foliage may appear before, during or after flower buds appear, again, depending on variety.

4. Once growth begins, rotate the pot regularly to prevent the plant from leaning toward the light.

5. The flower stalk may require staking to hold it upright as it develops.

6. To help the flowers last longer, move the plant out of direct sunlight to a cool room once the blossoms have opened.



Get the Most Out of Your Amaryllis Bulbs

- Choose bulbs that are firm to the touch.
- The larger the bulb, the more flowers it will produce.
- Group three or more amaryllis bulbs together in a large clay pot for a magnificent display of flowers.
- Plant amaryllis every two weeks for continuous blooms and spectacular indoor color throughout the winter.

How to Get Your Amaryllis to Bloom Again



- When the flowers fade, cut them from the stem and allow the leaves to grow.
- Keep the potted bulb on a sunny windowsill.
- Water as needed and continue to fertilize with a slow release fertilizer.
- In late summer, gradually reduce watering to trigger dormancy.
- Cut off all yellow leaves and stop watering altogether in October, allowing the soil to dry completely.
- Store the bulb in its pot in a cool, dry place with temperatures that are approximately 40-45 degrees.
- Do not water. Let the plant rest for 4 months.

- After the 4-month rest period, take the bulb out of the pot, discard the old soil and re-pot the bulb in the same pot with new soil.
- Follow the same steps outlined in the above section, "Caring for Amaryllis".
- Before you know it, your amaryllis will be in full bloom once again!

Shopping List

Amaryllis Bulb



A Pot

Potting Mix



Indoor Houseplant Food

Small Watering Can



Stakes & Twine (if necessary)