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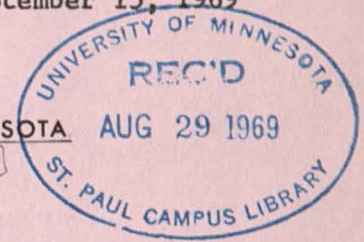


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FALL PLANTING OF BULBS

We often think of fall as the end of the flowering season, but it also begins the planning season for spring flowering bulbs. The smaller bulbs such as crocus, scilla and snowdrop grape hyacinth should be planted during early September. Daffodils, tulips, and hyacinth can be planted up until the ground freezes.

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Good soil preparation is essential for good bloom. Bulbs usually remain in one flower bed for several years so it's necessary to provide a high level of nutrients where they're planted. Select a well drained area where there's not likely to be free water standing during periods of thawing or heavy rain.

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A generous application of organic matter such as compost, rotted barnyard manure, or leaf mold is recommended. Use a wheelbarrow full for 25 square feet of area. Apply a complete fertilizer at the rate of about 4 - 5 pounds per 100 square feet of area and work the fertilizer and organic matter into the soil.

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Depth of planting depends on soil type and the kind of bulbs you plant. No bulbs should be planted less than 2 inches deep. If the soil is a heavy clay, plant the bulbs a little more shallow than if you're working in a sandy soil. Larger bulbs such as daffodils and tulips should be planted about 6 to 8 inches deep. Smaller bulbs can be planted 3 to 4 inches deep.

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