

Digging for Daffs



Chris Collins
Celebrity plantsman

As 56% of British people agree the sight of daffodils in bloom marks the beginning of spring it's no wonder so many (45%) mistakenly believe this is when they should also be planted!

Chris Collins, celebrity plantsman says: "As with all spring flowering bulbs, the key planting time for daffodils is in fact autumn, yet people often forget about these colourful flowers until it's too late. Planting spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, tulips and snowdrops really couldn't be easier. Just follow these simple steps and you'll be on your way to a colourful garden which flowers year after year".

1 OnePoll survey of 2000 respondents, 28th July 2010

Tip: When buying your bulbs think about the colours. After a long winter, a spring garden should be full of vibrant colours not just to look great outdoors but also so you can cut your own spring flowers and create beautiful flower arrangements

Planting your Bulbs

Planting couldn't be simpler just remember they need to be planted September to October for best results!

Bulbs are extremely versatile and can be planted almost anywhere providing they're in full sunlight. So, whether you're planting in a border, container or even a pot on a terrace just follow these three simple steps:

- 1 Use a trowel and dig a hole three times the size of the bulb
- 2 Place the bulb into the hole with the thin end pointing upwards
- 3 Cover with soil mixed with compost, press down and water

Choosing your Bulbs

The first thing to check is that you are planting spring flowering bulbs. The most common ones to choose from are:

**Daffodils,
Tulips,
Freesias,
Peonies,
Snowdrops,
Crocus**



Daffodils



Tulips



Crocus



Snowdrops



Peonies

Top Tips

Finally, before you get planting, make sure you follow Chris' top tips to giving your garden a spring makeover.

- 1 Be sure to buy your bulbs from your local garden centre, you will be able to get advice about which varieties and types are best suited to your soil/area.
- 2 Make sure whether you plant in pots or in borders, you allow for good drainage and the bulbs are open to plenty of sunshine.
- 3 Remember to remove dead heads from your flowering bulbs to encourage further growth and finally...
- 4 Be adventurous with your planting, there are so many different colours and varieties so just enjoy injecting some colour into your garden this spring!