

Fall Bulb Care Tips

Fall Feeding Creates Beautiful Blooms in Spring

Ever wonder why your neighbor's garden overflows with bigger and better blooms? Chances are those abundant blooms come from the care and feeding that new bulbs need at the most critical time of all -- fall.

So, as you go about your fall gardening chores this season, heed experts' advice and add one very important step: feed spring blooming bulbs such as Tulips, Daffodils and Iris at planting time in the fall. You won't be disappointed come spring.

Experts recommend a healthy dose of an organically-balanced plant food, like Espoma's Bulb-tone[®], will provide more nutrition than a standard application of bone meal, and will help plants store food for use in early spring. A natural formula containing nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium along with 12 other essential nutrients, will encourage healthy roots and improve heartiness.

Here's what experts recommend: for new row plantings, sprinkle and mix Bulb-tone into the soil. Then, place the bulbs at their proper depth and cover with soil. For individual bulbs, add a small amount of light soil or sand to the Bulb-tone and soil mixture, then insert bulb and cover with soil.

With a little extra work this fall, your bulbs will be the envy of the neighborhood next spring.