

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TULIP BULBS FROM TODAY'S "GIVE AWAY"

Helpful "tips" for planting and storage of tulip bulbs

1) For immediate planting:

For best results, choose tulip bulbs with the foliage still attached. Bulbs perform better with the leaves left on them. The foliage makes food from the sun and helps the bulb to rejuvenate with the nutrients necessary to produce a bloom the next season. Plant the bulbs 6" deep and 8" apart. Plant as soon as possible adding "bulb" food or bone meal and saturate the area with water. Once the foliage turns brown, simply remove the dead and discard. For those who have removed the foliage, the tulips may still bloom, they just might not bloom to their full potential.

2) For storage until Fall planting:

Many of us have heard of storing the bulbs in a cool dry place like a basement, on newspaper, then planting them in the fall. This does work but is not always convenient or practical. Before planting, make sure the bulb is still healthy and viable. Bulbs can "dry rot" which is easily checked by slightly squeezing the bulb in your hand. Good bulbs remain in tact while bad bulbs will not.

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