

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHY DO WE LOVE PURPLE IN THE GARDEN?

This collection celebrates all flowers purple. And we love purple colored flowers not only for their deep, rich, satisfying color, but also because purple is a color of unity, originality, visionary thinking, and royalty – all things we want in our garden. By planting all your bulbs from this collection in one area of your garden, you will be enjoying lush purple flowers from early spring to late spring.

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO PLANT FOR MY AREA?

Because spring flowering bulbs require a period of cool temperatures to bloom, you must plant these bulbs in the fall. If you live in Zones 3-8, plant your bulbs as soon as the ground is cool and evening temperatures range between 40-50 degrees F, about a month before the ground has frozen over. This is generally between Halloween and Thanksgiving. If you live in Zones 9+, you must pre-chill your bulbs in a refrigerator for 6-8 weeks. Just leave them in their bags and stick in the fridge, but be careful not to place next to ripening fruit. After the 6-8 weeks has passed, plant as you like.

## WHERE SHOULD I PLANT MY BULBS?

These bulbs can be planted just about anywhere, except in the dense shade on the north side of buildings. We recommend planting them along borders and walkways, under a tree, or in flower beds. You may plant them all together for wonderful display all spring, or separately around the garden to bring pockets of color when each bulb is ready to flower.

## HOW DO I PLANT THEM ALL TOGETHER?

Planting different types of spring flowering bulbs together is our favorite way to plant these bulbs, and it is very easy to do. This collection can fill out an 8' x 8' area of densely planted bulbs, or more by spacing bulbs out further. Pick the area of the garden that you want to plant in and start by planting the bulbs that need the deepest holes. In this case that would be the Tulips and Hyacinths. Dig a 6" hole for each of those bulbs, drop in the bulbs and cover with soil, space bulbs about 3" apart. Next comes the Crocus and Muscari – dig 3" holes for these bulbs spaced about 2" apart, drop in the bulbs and cover with soil. It does not matter if some Crocus and Muscari are planted directly on top of the Tulips or Hyacinths, that's the brilliance of these bulbs!

## CLUSTER, CLUSTER, CLUSTER!

We think these bulbs look best when tightly clustered. You can dig holes that are one foot around to the depth that the bulbs you are planting require, and cluster in many bulbs in that area. See inside for details on how many bulbs to cluster.

# FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plants arrive from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around the corms. Discard any packing material clinging to the corms. Plant in the fall when evening temperatures average between 40-50 degrees F, but before the ground freezes.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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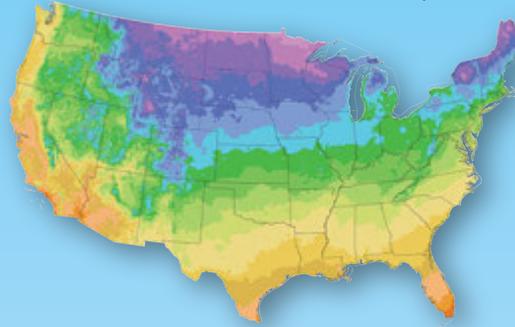
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## Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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# ROBERTA'S GARDENS

PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



## Purple Rain Garden Assortment

(Crocus Pickwick, Hyacinth Miss Saigon, Blue Spectacle double Tulip, & Grape Hyacinth Muscari)



# QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Partial Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
WATER:	Water in well after planting. No additional watering is required unless rainfall is scarce.
SOIL:	Well-draining, rich soil. Amend to improve drainage if soil is clay.
FERTILIZER:	Feed upon initial planting in fall and then again when growth appears in spring and summer.
DIVIDING:	Best time to move/divide bulbs is when the foliage has withered and turned brown, generally in the summer. Lift them and store them until the fall when it is time to replant.

# PLANTING GUIDE

1  
STEP

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around the corms. Discard any packing material clinging to corms.

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STEP

Plant in the garden when evening temperatures average between 40-50F degrees, before the ground freezes. Rather than in the garden, you may plant bulbs into large containers. Plant bulbs upward facing, but if you cannot determine top from bottom, plant sideways and they will find their way up.

3  
STEP

General rule of thumb is to dig a hole for bulbs that is twice the depth of the height of the bulb. For example, dig a hole deep enough that would allow you to easily stack two bulbs on top of each other – but only put one bulb in that hole, and cover with dirt.

4  
STEP

Planted now in light, naturally rich soil, they will produce flowers in early spring. To encourage more flowers in the second season, feed with Roberta's Gardens Hawaiian Flower Magic in the spring and summer, when plants are in bloom, and after flowers have faded.

# ASSORTMENT

## Crocus Pickwick



Bloom Time: Late Winter – Early Spring  
 Height/Width: 4-6 inches / 2-4 inches  
 Plant Spacing & Depth: Space 2-3" apart and plant 3-4" deep  
 Clustering: May cluster 10 bulbs per square foot

## Tulip Blue Spectacle



Bloom Time: Late Spring  
 Height/Width: 16-20 inches / 2-4 inches  
 Plant Spacing & Depth: Space 3-4" apart and plant 6-8" deep  
 Clustering: May cluster 6 bulbs per square foot

## Hyacinth Miss Saigon



Bloom Time: Mid Spring  
 Height/Width: 10-12 inches / 4 inches  
 Plant Spacing & Depth: Space 3-4" apart and plant 6-8" deep  
 Clustering: May cluster 6 bulbs per square foot

## Blue Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)



Bloom Time: Early to Late Spring  
 Height/Width: 4-6 inches / 2-3 inches  
 Plant Spacing & Depth: Space 2-3" apart and plant 3-4" deep  
 Clustering: May cluster 10 bulbs per square foot