

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN DO I PLANT MY SPANISH BLUEBELLS?

The time to plant your bulbs is mid to late fall, generally between Halloween and Thanksgiving. This is when the weather has cooled down, but before the ground has frozen.

WHAT DO WE LOVE ABOUT SPANISH BLUEBELLS?

Spanish Bluebells are one of the most versatile spring blooming bulbs and have the ability and willingness to thrive just about anywhere, in any conditions. They will perform in a wide range of soils and in the sun or shade. We also love that over time they will spread and fill in wherever you've planted them, bringing masses of colorful, fragrant bell-shaped flowers for a long time each spring. They're typically quite deer and pest resistant too!

WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO PLANT MY SPANISH BLUEBELLS?

Spanish Bluebells excel in shaded, woodland gardens where they have a chance to naturalize and spread. But they also do very well in full sunlight gardens too. You may plant them directly in the lawn, under trees, along borders, or in containers. They look great planted at the base of hostas, alongside your hardy geranium, or with other spring flowers such as tulips, daffodils, and lily of the valley.

THERE IS A GREEN FILM ON MY BULBS, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Sometimes a greenish mold may be on the surface of your bulbs. Fear not. Once you plant the bulbs in the ground or in your containers, this mold will go away and your Bluebells will be just fine.

WILL MY SPANISH BLUEBELLS RETURN EACH SPRING?

Absolutely! One of the best attributes about Spanish Bluebells is their ability to return each spring and bring more and more flowers each year. They are first-rate naturalizers and create ever larger patches each spring. Another reason why they are one of the best spring flowering bulbs for any beginner or expert gardener to plant.

SHOULD I CLUSTER MY BULBS?

Like most spring flowering bulbs, Spanish Bluebells look best when planted in large groups. If you want to impress, cluster 10-12 bulbs per square foot, or space bulbs 3-4" apart for a less dense display.

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 bulbs. Discard any packing material clinging to the bulbs. 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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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (green) 6a (green) 5a (purple)
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (light green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)
7b (light green)



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Spanish Bluebells
Collection
(*Hyacinthoides hispanica*)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	3-4" apart, or 10-12 bulbs per sq. ft
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	10-12 inches 3-6 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Mid Spring
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around the bulbs. Discard any packing material clinging to the bulbs. Plant in the fall before the ground freezes.
<small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	

PLANTING GUIDE

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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. For Spanish Bluebells, a 4" deep hole will suffice, and 3-4" apart or cluster 10-12 bulbs per square foot. Water well after planting.

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STEP

Planted now in light, naturally rich soil, they will produce flowers in 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.

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SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden when night temperatures average 40-50F degrees. Generally, between Halloween and Thanksgiving. If necessary, you may store bulbs for a month or longer in a cool, dry place.

PLANT PREPARATION

Remove any packing material clinging to bulbs. Determine the pointed end of the bulb, this is what points upward when planting. If you cannot determine which end is up, simply plant sideways, and the bulb will find its way up.

PLANTING DEPTH AND SPACING

Plant bulbs about 3-4 inches deep and about 2-3 inches apart from one another. Alternatively, you may dig wider holes and plant 10-12 bulbs per square foot.

POTTED PLANTS

These grow wonderfully in containers. Make sure your containers have drainage holes. Plant bulbs 3-4" deep. In a 12" pot, you may plant up to 12 bulbs in this container. You may also mix in other spring flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, and muscari in the container.

SOIL PREPARATION

They prefer average garden soil that drains well. If soil is heavy clay, amend with sand or compost to improve drainage. They do not like soggy ground.

GARDEN LOCATION

These will grow well in full sun areas all the way to partial shade. Spanish Bluebells excel in the shadier parts of the garden, especially under deciduous trees. They love to naturalize, so if possible, give them space to fill out. You can also plant them directly in the lawn, along the borders, or around the edging of the garden.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These will grow about 10-12" tall and 3-6" wide.

WATER

Water in well upon planting. These also like about 1" of water per week, so if your winter is relatively dry, watering once a week will be beneficial.

FERTILIZER

Feed upon initial planting in fall and then again when growth appears in spring and summer. Roberta's Flower Magic (M7503) is recommended.

LIGHTING

Full sun to shade is acceptable.

BLOOMING

Blooms will emerge in mid to late spring. Feel free to cut flowers for your vases. This will not harm your plants.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 3-9

These are hardy down to minus -35F when planted in the ground.

DORMANCY

After the flowers have bloomed you may cut the flower head off but do not cut the foliage. The bulbs use the leaves to gather energy for next year's flowers, once the leaves have turned yellow or brown you can cut them to ground level. This will be in mid-summer.

DIVIDING

If you wish to divide your Spanish Bluebells, the time to do it is late summer to early fall.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Spanish Bluebells Shipped as Shown



Great Naturalizers in the deciduous woodland garden



Iconic bell-shaped flower



Excellent along the borders or edging