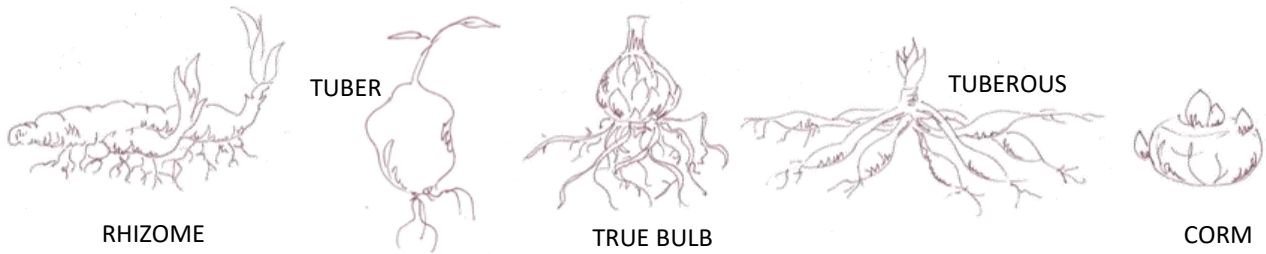


UNPACKING YOUR BULB ORDER



“Bare Roots” or “Bulbs” are both terms often applied to dormant plants that have been cut back, dug up, and stored after the growing season has ended before being planted again the following Spring/Fall.

When you receive your order you will notice that not all root systems are alike. Your plants could be one of 5 types including: True Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, Tuberos Roots, or Tubers. Even though they may look different, planting instructions and continuing care is similar for all.

Bare roots/bulbs should be planted immediately upon arrival. If the danger of frost has not passed in your area, you can either store your roots in a cool area for 2–3 days, or plant them in pots indoors until outside weather warms.

To plant your roots:

Upon arrival, check the condition of your roots. They should be firm and relatively dry. Light surface mold is not unusual and is caused by the high humidity necessary for cold storage. It is not harmful to the plants and will disappear quickly with good air circulation.

After the initial appearance check, you can soak your roots/bulbs in tepid water for up to an hour while you prepare your planting bed or container. Plant each bulb crown up, approximately 1 inch below the soil surface. Tuberos roots such as Dahlias should be fanned out when planting to encourage new root growth. Once planted, keep soil moist, but do not over water. Wait until you see new plant growth emerge before watering regularly.

Once bulbs have bloomed, do not cut back their leaves until they have turned yellow and are obviously dead. The bulbs require these leaves to manufacture carbohydrates and store energy for the next year, through photosynthesis. However, the flower stalks can be cut back to where the foliage begins.

Be aware of your planting zone. If your bulbs are not hardy to your area you will need to dig them up before the first hard frost and store them in a cool, dark, dry location through winter.

To store through winter:

Lift roots gently with a pitch fork and dust off excess soil. At this time you can divide if needed. Move roots to a warm, dark location and allow to dry (5–7 days). Once dry, you can pack bulbs in peat moss, sand or sawdust and store in a ventilated container; air circulation is essential. Do not allow bulbs to freeze or become too damp. Ideal storage temperature is 50°F. Check your roots occasionally throughout storage and discard any that become too moldy, soft, or rotten.

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Karl Rosenfield Peony

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 24”–36” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun to part sun

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 24”–30” apart

Soil Type: Loamy soil

Raspberry Sundae Peony

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 24”–36” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun to part sun

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 24”–30” apart

Soil Type: Loamy soil

Yellow Mignon Dahlia

Hardiness Zones: 8–10

Mature Plant Size: 12”–18” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 1”–2” deep, 12”–15” apart

Soil Type: Moist, well-drained soil

Rainbow Gladiolus Mix

Hardiness Zones: 8–11

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 48”–60” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 4”–6” deep, 5” apart

Soil Type: Moist, well-drained, loamy soil

Pompon Dahlia

Hardiness Zones: 8–10

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 24”–36” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 2” deep, 12”–15” apart

Soil Type: Moist but well-drained soil

Columbine

Hardiness Zones: 3–9

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 24”–28” tall

Light Requirements: Part sun to full shade

Plant Depth: 2” deep, 12”–24” apart

Soil Type: Moist but well-drained soil

False Spirea Mix

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 20”–36” tall

Light Requirements: Half sun/half shade to full shade

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 12” apart

Soil Type: Moist, rich, well-drained soil

Hardy Gladiolus Mix

Hardiness Zones: 5–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 12”–18” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 6” deep, 2”–3” apart

Soil Type: Sandy, loamy, well-drained soil

Globe Thistle

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 36” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 18” apart

Soil Type: Sandy or loamy soil

Butterfly Weed

Hardiness Zones: 3–9

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 18”–30” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 18”–24” apart

Soil Type: Dry to moderately moist, well-drained soil

Lavender Perfection Dahlia

Hardiness Zones: 8–10

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 36”–48” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 1”–2” deep, 18”–24” apart

Soil Type: Sandy or loamy soil

Freesia Mix

Hardiness Zones: 4–10

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 18”–24” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 3” deep, 2”–3” apart

Soil Type: Sandy or loamy soil

Stella D’Oro Daylily

Hardiness Zones: 3–9

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 12” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun to half sun/half shade

Plant Depth: 1” deep, 12”–18” apart

Soil Type: Well-drained, loamy soil

Unwin’s Mix Dahlia

Hardiness Zones: 8–10

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 16”–24” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: 1”–2” deep, 8”–12” apart

Soil Type: Sandy or loamy soil

Hosta Mix

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: 15”–30” tall

Light Requirements: Half sun/half shade to full shade

Plant Depth: 1”–2” deep, 15”–24” apart

Soil Type: Well-drained, loamy soil

Blazing Star

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 24”–48”

Light Requirements: Full sun to half sun/half shade

Plant Depth: 6” deep, 12”–15” apart

Soil Type: Sandy or loamy soil

Caesar’s Brother Siberian Iris

Hardiness Zones: 3–8

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 36”–48” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun to

half sun/half shade

Plant Depth: 1”–2” deep, 18”–24” apart

Soil Type: Moist, well-drained soil

Crocsmia Mix

Hardiness Zones: 5–9

Mature Plant Size: Approx. 18”–24” tall

Light Requirements: Full sun to

half sun/half shade

Plant Depth: 3”–5” deep, 6”–8” apart

Soil Type: Moist but well-drained soil

Summer Sun Garden Mix

Hardiness Zones: 5–8

Mature Plant Sizes: 18”–48” depending on variety

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: For lily and blazing star, 6”

deep and 12”–15” apart; for freesia, 3” deep

and 2”–3” apart; for hardy gladiolus, 6” deep

and 2”–3” apart

Soil Type: Average soil; moist and

well-drained

Butterfly Garden Collection

Hardiness Zones: 3–11 depending on variety; dahlias should be treated as an annual or dug

up and stored indoors over winter in zones

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Mature Plant Size: 12”–36” depending on variety

Light Requirements: Full sun

Plant Depth: For butterfly weed and globe thistle, 1” deep and 18” apart; for yellow

mignon dahlia and pompon dahlia, 2” deep

and 12”–15” apart; for crocsmia mix, 3”–5”

deep and 6”–8” apart

Soil Type: Moist, well-drained soil