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PLANT A SPRING GARDEN THIS FALL WITH BULBS!



What kind of bulb doesn't go in a lamp? The kind that goes in the ground of course! You probably already know that besides bulbs that produce light, there are bulbs that produce flowers - like tulip bulbs & daffodil bulbs. A flower bulb is like the kitchen cupboard. It stores food until the plant needs it to grow. Most bulbs sleep for the winter and wake up with a giant appetite in the spring. They use so much of the stored food and grow so strong that they pop through the ground as beautiful flowers.

Did you know that an onion is a bulb? Ask an adult to cut an onion in half - from top to bottom - and you can see how the food is stored in many layers that make up the onion, and in the center is a new small plant ready & waiting to grow!

HOW TO PLANT DAFFODIL & TULIP BULBS

Planted in the fall, daffodils and tulips will bloom in the spring time. Their special alarm clock will wake them up and tell them to start growing!

- 1) To plant your bulbs, have a parent help you by digging a hole 8 - 10 inches deep.
- 2) Rake the area to loosen the soil. Add some bulb fertilizer or bone meal to provide food for the growing bulb.
- 3) Place the bulbs firmly in the soil with the pointy end (their noses) pointing up.
Space the bulbs 6 inches apart. You should plant the bulbs in groups of 5 10 12 for best effect.
- 4) Cover the bulbs with soil and water well. Add 2 - 3 inches of mulch on the top.



NEXT SPRING, YOUR CAREFUL PLANTING & PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED WITH BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS. THESE MAY NOT BE LIGHT BULBS, BUT THEY WILL CERTAINLY BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY!



***Making the world beautiful
one flower at a time.***