

Planting Bulbs

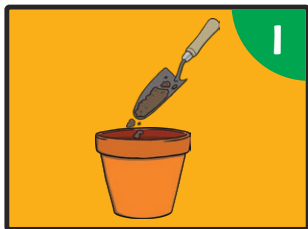
A bulb is a blob of plant food from which a plant can grow. They look a bit like an onion, but make sure you don't eat one, it would give you a very poorly tummy!

Bulbs can be planted in soil in the ground or in plant pots that have soil in them. Different bulbs need to be planted at different times of the year in order for the plant to grow well.



You will need:

- a bulb
- a plant pot if you are planting the bulb inside, or an area of soil outside
- soil
- a trowel or little gardening fork
- a watering can with some water in it



If you are using a plant pot, fill the pot about half full of soil. If you are planting outside, use your trowel to dig a little hole. Different bulbs need to be planted at different depths, so ask a grown up to help you work out how deep your hole should be.

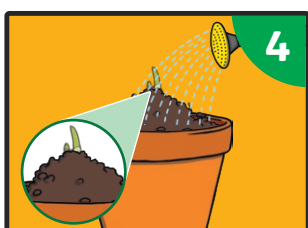


Put a little hole about the size of your bulb in the soil and then gently put the bulb in the hole. The bulb should be this way around with the stringy bits at the bottom.

Then cover the bulb with soil and then lightly pat it down.



Water the area around the soil.



To help your bulb grow into a plant, you will need to water it regularly. A grown up can tell you how often to do this.

Note: Whenever you are planting bulbs or doing any kind of gardening, it is important to wash your hands after you have finished.