

# Amaryllis Care

Of all flowering bulbs, Amaryllis is the easiest to bring to bloom. Amaryllis' comes in many varieties including shades of red, white, pink, salmon and orange.

**Planting:** When planting the bulb, the soil should cover two thirds of the bulb. Press the soil down firmly to set the bulb securely in place. Place the bulb in a warm place with direct light since heat is necessary for growth. The ideal temperature is 68 to 70° F.

**Water:** Water very sparingly until the sprout is out of the bulb. Only water lightly when the soil is dry and do not overwater, as this is a quick way an amaryllis can die.

**Fertilizer:** You should begin feeding amaryllis plants once the foliage begins to peek out above the soil surface - **NOT** before it has foliage. Fertilizer with any slow release or liquid fertilizer that has a ratio of 10-10-10.

**Blooming:** Bulbs will flower in 7-10 weeks. In winter, the time will be longer than in spring. Set up your schedule between October and April with this in mind.



**Re-bloom:** Remove faded flowers and cut leaves back when stem sags. Water and fertilize through summer (5-6 months). Cut back leaves when yellow, clean and store in a cool dark place for a minimum of 6 weeks before repotting.

## Quick Tips:

- Planting period: October until the end of April.
- Flowering period: Late December until the end of June.
- Flowering time: 7-10 weeks
- Always store bulbs in a cool place