

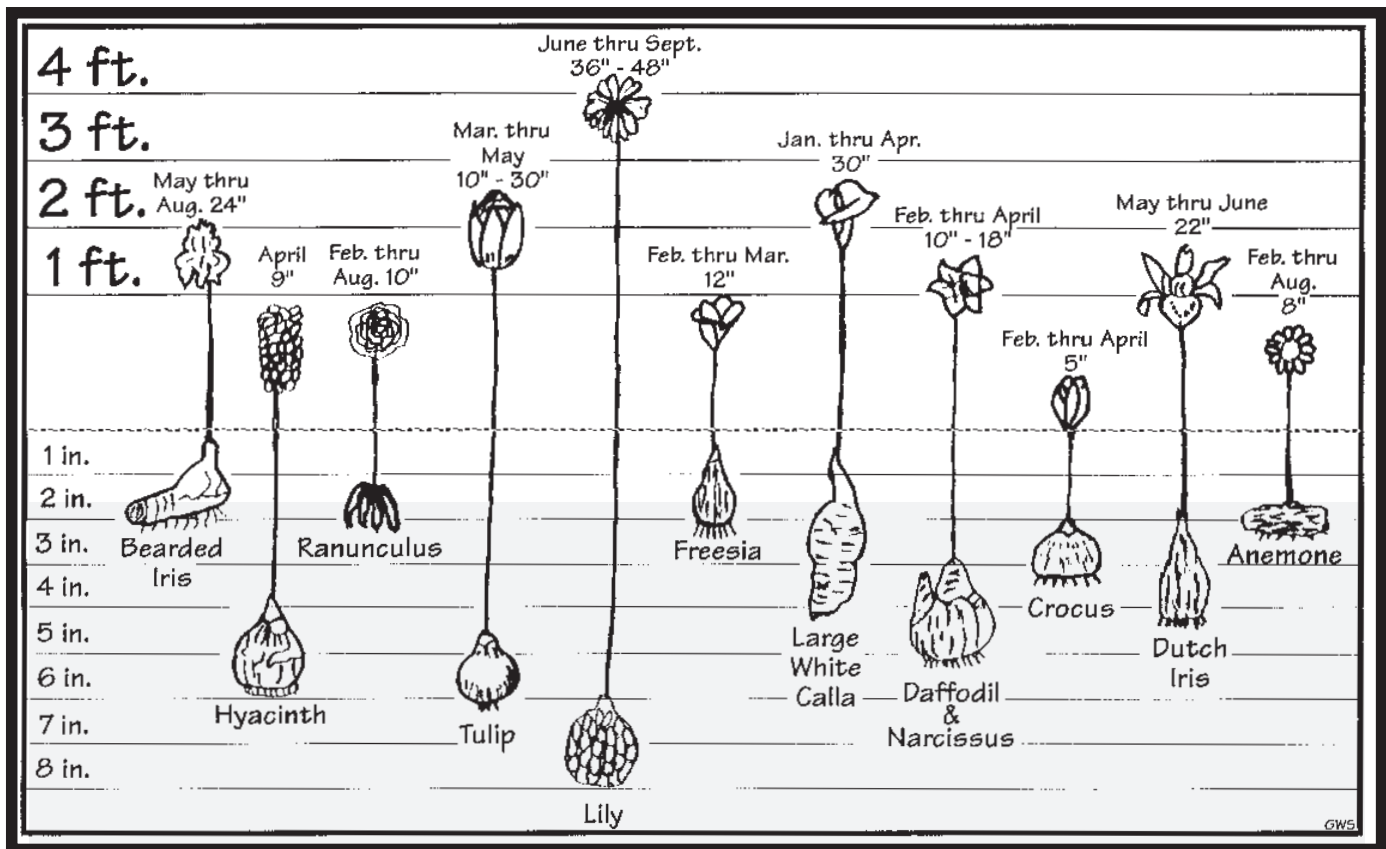


# Selecting & Growing Bulbs

Choose bulbs that are firm and large. Look for “double noses” on daffodils. The quantity of flowers and the quality of the blooms are the result of the bulbs you select this fall. Fall is the time to purchase and plant your spring blooming bulbs.

October is ideal for planting those bulbs that don’t require pre-chilling. Soil temperatures are cooling and winter rains are around the corner. Most bulbs can be planted directly in the ground using Sloat Forest Mulch Plus, or in pots using Sloat Potting Soil. There are a few exceptions in our mild winter climate.

Chilling is required for tulips, hyacinths, crocus and freesia in order for their stems to elongate sufficiently. Place these bulbs in the refrigerator for 4 to 6 weeks (not the freezer). Be sure they are not stored with apples which release ethylene that inhibits sprouting! Plant them the same day you remove them from the refrigerator. Paperwhite Narcissus do not require chilling but can be “stalled” with refrigeration.



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