



# Planting Bulbs

Plant bulbs in the fall for a spring surprise!



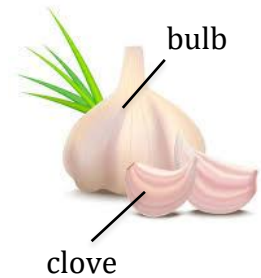
In Maryland, most of the crops farmers grow are planted in spring and harvested in summer and fall. Did you know that some types of **bulb** plants can be planted in the fall and harvested in the spring? A **bulb** is a special part of some plants, which is found under the soil. A bulb stores food for the plant while it is resting. To grow some types of plants, bulbs are planted in October and November. Roots start to grow right away. The bulb rests during most of the winter. In late winter, the bulb starts to grow, and in early spring a plant emerges from the soil!

Two bulbs people grow to use as food are onions and garlic.

To watch a video about garlic farming, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y43xz8da).  
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## Planting Garlic Bulbs Indoors

- Break garlic bulb apart into separate cloves.
- Fill a clear plastic cup with a small amount of water.
- Place cloves in the cup of water with the pointed ends up.
- Set in a sunny window for about seven days.
- Fill a pot with soil. Be sure the container has drainage holes.
- Plant the sprouted bulbs about 2 inches deep.
- Water thoroughly and place in a sunny spot. You should see sprouts in about 2 weeks.
- Now wait ... Garlic will be ready to harvest in 6 – 9 months when the leaves turn yellow or brown.



To see how to plant garlic indoors, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y4etmpz8). <https://tinyurl.com/y4etmpz8>

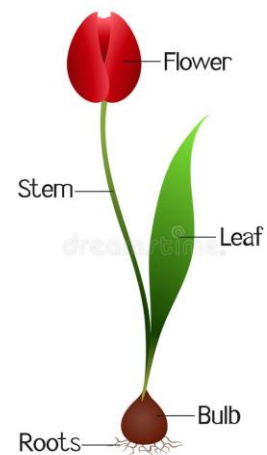


Not all bulbs provide food for people. Many colorful spring flowers grow from bulbs that are planted in fall. Flower bulbs can be planted in pots or in the ground. The flowers will bloom year after year!



### Planting Tulip Bulbs Outdoors

1. Choose a sunny spot to plant your bulbs.
2. Dig a hole 7 inches deep.
3. Place bulbs in the hole with the pointed ends up.
4. Cover the bulbs with soil.
5. Water thoroughly.
6. Now wait ... Look for the tulip plants to emerge in early spring!



To see how to plant tulip bulbs outdoors, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y6t7qsw0). <https://tinyurl.com/y6t7qsw0>

Here are some other flower bulbs that can be planted in fall and will bloom in the spring!

