

# Planting Tips

- The optimum planting date for tulip bulbs in southwestern Ontario is late October or early November.
- Tulip bulbs prefer soil with good drainage.
- **Tulip Planting Depth:** Plant tulip bulbs 6 inches deep.
- **Tulip Bulbs Spacing:** Keep tulip bulbs 3 to 6 inches apart.
- Pointed tip of the tulip bulb should point upward when placed in the hole.

Plant in  
Full Sun

Your work is done!  
Enjoy the tulip blooms  
when your tulips  
emerge each spring.



Follow along as we plant the  
tulip bulbs at our farm.

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Spring Flowers  
Start in the Fall

## Tulip Bulb Planting and Care Guide

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# Basic Care

## Information to Care for Your Tulips After Planting

**Watering:** Give the tulip bulbs a deep watering after planting, then let Mother Nature do her job all winter.

Over the summer months after your tulips have bloomed, too much water will rot / kill your bulbs for the next spring. If the bulbs are planted in a flower bed where you have to water, try to water once a week or less.



## Clipping the Blooms

To help develop strong, healthy tulip bulbs, clip the bloom off at the end of the season to remove the seed pod inside the flower.

Clipping forces the plant to put all its energy into the bulb for next spring. Leave the stem and leaves to decay naturally.

## Digging Tulip Bulbs

Tulip bulbs multiply quickly and will need to be dug up and separated every 5-7 years. If you have lots of leaves and small flowers it is time to dig and spread them out.

Dig up tulip bulbs in early summer, after the stem and leaves have decayed naturally. Do not wash them, just wipe the loose soil off and store in a cool, dry, dark location until optimum planting time in late fall.

