



# COLCHICUM GROWING GUIDE



**Common Name:** COLCHICUM

**Also known as** Autumn Crocus

**Botanical Name:** *Colchicum byzantinum*

**Family Name:** Liliaceae

**Plant Type:** Bulb **Size:** 20-30cm H x 15-20cm W

**Planting Time:** Summer **Planting Width:** 20cm **Depth:** Tip at soil level

**Flowering:** Autumn **Positioning:** Full or part sun

**General Information:** Hardy and frost tolerant. Suitable for Temperate/dry and Mediterranean climates.

**Watering:** Keep soil moist while actively growing in order to ensure multiplication.

**Fertilising:** Prefer a fertile, well-drained soil with well-rotted compost and complete fertiliser. Top dress with a complete fertiliser in spring.

**Soil:** Well drained soil. **Lifting & Storage:** If necessary lift corms in January, they can then be replanted immediately or stored in a dry position, otherwise bulbs can generally be left in the ground undisturbed. **Pests:** Bait snails and slugs.

**Tips:** Colchicum can flower indoors without soil or water, which makes them ideal for potting, or growing in decorative bowls. When grown this way they need to be planted in the garden after flowering.