



## DUTCH CROCUS GROWING GUIDE



**Common Name:** CROCUS

**Botanical Name:** *Crocus vernus* **Family Name:** Iridaceae

**Plant Type:** Bulb **Size:** 8-15cm H x 7cm W

**Planting Time:** Autumn **Planting Width:** 7-10cm **Depth:** 10cm

**Flowering:** Late Winter to early Spring **Positioning:** Full Sun

**General Information:** Suitable for Mediterranean and temperate/dry climates. With some exceptions Crocus are best grown in areas with cold winters. Success can be found in warmer regions however bulbs that flower well in the first year may not flower well in succeeding years due to insufficient chilling. Tolerates temperatures to -15°C.

**Watering:** Avoid excessive watering when corms are dormant. Give newly planted corms a thorough watering and then water again only if very dry.

**Fertilising:** Apply a light covering of a complete plant food or blood and bone after flowering.

**Soil:** Well drained soil.

**Lifting & Storage:** Clumps may become quite large over time; lift and plant them further apart.

**Pests:** Generally few problems occur with Crocus however one pest you may encounter is birds which seem to be attracted to the flower.

**Tips:** Excellent plants for rock gardens, they also make good container plants. It is essential not to remove leaves before they turn yellow, as they are important in building up next year's corms. Suitable for naturalizing in grass.