



FREESIA GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: FREESIAS

Botanical Name: Freesia x hybrida

Plant Type: Bulb **Size:** 25-40cm H x 7-10cm W

Planting Time: Autumn **Planting Width:** 5-10cm **Depth:** 7cm

Flowering: Spring

Positioning: Prefers full sun but tolerates very light shade for part of the day

General Information: Grows well in warm to cool zones but is unsuitable for the tropics or extreme cold areas. Can tolerate temperatures down to 0°C.

Watering: Water after planting and soak weekly while plants are in bud or flower, but at other times watering is only needed if very dry.

Fertilising: Prefers addition of slow release granules to soil prior to planting. Top dress 6 weeks after shoots appear.

Soil: Well drained.

Lifting & Storage: Can be left in the ground or lifted and stored if clumps become too thick. If lifting wait until the leaves have turned yellow, dry and dust off bulbs with a cloth and store in a warm and airy position.

Pests: Bait snails and slugs.

Tips: If using for cut flowers, cut when the lowest flower on the spike is open, as this will ensure long vase life. Tall varieties may need support.