



HYACINTH GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: HYACINTH

Botanical Name: *Hyacinthus orientalis*

Plant Type: Bulb **Size:** 20-25cm H x 15cm W

Planting Time: Autumn **Planting Width:** 15cm **Depth:** 12cm

Flowering: Spring

Positioning: Full sun or partial shade, however will not thrive in heavy shade

General Information: Suitable for temperate/Dry and Mediterranean climates, thrives in a cool to cold climate but can be grown in warmer areas if chilled 4-6 weeks prior to planting. Frost hardy when in the ground. Can be susceptible to damage from frost if in pots outdoors.

Watering: Water well after planting but not again until after leaves emerge unless particularly dry. Give regular deep watering from when the buds appear until stems die down.

Fertilising: Manure, blood and bone or complete fertiliser should be worked through the soil before planting. Soil must be well drained and enriched with organic matter.

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Lifting & Storage: Once the foliage of the hyacinth turns yellow they need to be dug up, dried and cleaned with a cloth and stored in a dry and airy place until the next season.

Pests: Hyacinths are generally not susceptible to pest and disease problems.

Tips: For best results in the next season remove spent flower stems and continue to water and feed the plant until all the foliage starts to turn yellow and die down. Potting Hyacinths: Hyacinths grow particularly well in pots. Choose a pot at least 15cm deep so you can apply a good base of potting mix to the bottom of the pot. Place the bulbs 10 cm from the surface of the potting mix. Water well after planting and place pot where it will receive at least half a day of sun.