



SAFFRON CROCUS GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: CROCUS SAFFRON

Botanical Name: *Crocus sativus*

Planting Time: Plant in late Summer for flowering in late Autumn.

Planting Depth: 7 to 10cm **Positioning:** Sunny position.

Watering: For best results plants like regular watering while in flower.

Fertilising: Use only a small amount of Blood and Bone with a complete fertiliser at planting time and top dress annually in Summer.

Soil: Soil must be well drained.

Poor soil can be improved by digging in organic matter before planting.

Tips: Saffron is one of the most expensive spice in the world and needs to be harvested with a pair of tweezers as soon as flowers open. Allow threads to dry in a shaded well ventilated area for 4 to 5 days then store in an airtight container.