

Why Plant Daffodils?



--Rimple Loop, Back Mountain Trail

- **Deer, squirrel and rodent resistant**
- **Perennial, comes back every year**
- **Little or no maintenance**
- **Naturalizes and spreads**
- **Harbinger of spring**

How To Plant Daffodils

- **All bulbs like sun, but many spring bulbs bloom before the trees leaf out, so you may be able to plant them in areas that become shady later in the season.**
- **Good soil drainage is essential. Pick a spot where water does not accumulate.**
- **Spring bulbs can be planted in late fall up until the ground is frozen. Daffodil bulbs must root before the cold weather. Late October to early November is a good time to plant in Northeastern PA.**
- **The general rule of thumb for planting daffodils is to plant 4-5 inches apart. To determine the number of bulbs you need to fill a certain space, multiply its length by its width, in feet, to find the area. Then multiply the area by the recommended number of bulbs per square foot (average 5-8 bulbs per square foot) to determine how many bulbs you need in total.**
- **Plant the bulbs 2-3 times as deep as the bulb is tall, measuring from the bottom of the bulb. This means most large bulbs like daffodils will be planted about 6 inches deep. Plant with the pointed end up and the root end down.**
- **Water the bulbs after planting. This helps settle the soil and provides moisture for the bulbs to start rooting. Avoid over-watering at planting time since this can result in bulb rot.**
- **When daffodils are done blooming in the spring, leave the foliage on as it gathers nutrients for the bulb for next year's blooms. Do not tie the foliage together. When it turns yellow, remove it, usually 4-6 weeks.**
- **Bulbs are available from local garden centers and from many suppliers on the internet.**