

Forcing bulbs for the holidays

The easiest and most common of the “forced” bulbs are the amaryllis and the paperwhite narcissus. Most bulbs require a chilling period to successfully force into bloom but the amaryllis and the paperwhite can be potted up straight from the store. This dramatically reduces the time it takes from planting to bloom by 8 to 10 weeks. This is a bonus if you are a last-minute type. And with a little advanced planning you can have some paperwhites and amaryllis ready as gifts for the holidays.

It has been my experience that it takes about 3



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to 5 weeks for paperwhites to bloom. All you need to do is add some pea gravel to a shallow bowl or dish and arrange some bulbs, about 1/2” apart, in the gravel. Add a little more pea gravel to secure the bulbs, but don’t cover the bulbs by more than 1/3. Fill the dish with water, just up to the bottom of the bulb, and roots should appear in a couple of days. Place the dish of bulbs in a warm window, bright light is better than direct sunlight. Turn your dish a quarter-turn every couple of days to keep

them growing straight. The amaryllis is equally as simple but considered more dramatic. It takes about 6 to 8 weeks from potting up to blooming and the large trumpet-like blooms will last several weeks if kept in a cool house. Amaryllis should be potted in soil, and I recommend using a clay pot for the weight. I have had top-heavy amaryllis fall over in plastic pots. The most important thing to remember about preparing amaryllis is to leave at least 1/3 of the bulb above the soil line. If it is sunk too deeply, it may not bloom and has an increased chance of rotting in the moist soil.

If you are interested in trying your hand at forcing crocus, hyacinth, muscari, tulip, scilla or lily-of-the-valley you need to take a little more time. The chilling process for these bulbs is essential in getting them to bloom out of season. And you must allow time for the bulb to develop a healthy root system before any top growth occurs. It usually takes about 8 weeks for good root development. Pot up all your bulbs in shallow pots with a light soil mixture, leaving about 1/2” between each bulb. For medium-sized bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinth (which can also be started in water) leave

the tip of the bulb just above the soil surface. For the smaller bulbs of muscari (grape hyacinth), scilla, crocus and lily-of-the-valley have about 1/2” of soil covering the bulb. Water them well after planting then keep them moist during the chilling/rooting period. For chilling, place the containers in a garage, shed or cold frame. Don’t let them freeze, however, the ideal temperature will be somewhere around 35-45 degrees. If you just have a couple, you can put them in your refrigerator but keep them away from fruits like apples and pears because they emit a

gas that can interfere with flower initiation. Chill your bulbs for at least eight weeks, the bulbs must rest in this cold state to initiate buds. After 8 weeks you can begin to transition them to a warmer location. And don’t take them out of chilling all at once, stagger it so that you will have a continual display until your source runs out. Amaryllis are marketed for forcing so they have already been treated accordingly, but when it comes to the other bulbs look for the right varieties and ask your nursery or florist if they are suitable for forcing this season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jackie O'Neil, 166 Cross Creek Road, Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165, has filed an application with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet to bring a structure into compliance. The property is located at 166 Cross Creek Road, Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165, west of Highway 61, north of Highway 44 and north of the Salt River.

Any comments or objections concerning this shall be directed in writing to DOW/floodplain@kygov. or the Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

LEGAL NOTICE

I Roscoe Gassoway and Lisa Gassoway are notifying the public that we have plans to build a modular home on 150 Blue Creek road shepherds-ville Kentucky 40165 which is located in the 100th flood zone area.sincerely Roscoe and Lisa Gassoway.

LEGAL NOTICE

Express Towing 24 LLC, 4914 Poplar Level Road Louisville, KY 40219, 5024426333, has been in possession since 5/8/2025 a 2017 Kia Soul VIN:KNDJN2A23H7884259. Owner: Stephanie L Dickens and Lien Holder: Wells Fargo Auto. Our intention is to obtain title to the vehicle to cover tow and storage charges unless the owner or a lien holder objects in writing within 14 days of this legal notice.

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