RAINBOW GARDENS

FORCING AMARYLLIS BLOOMS INDOORS

When to Start Indoors

- Begin in October or early November to enjoy blooms by December.

How to Plant

- Choose a large, firm bulb with no soft spots.
- Use a 6–8 inch pot with drainage holes.
- Fill with fresh potting mix, leaving the top third of the bulb above soil.
- Water once after planting, then wait to water again until new growth appears.

Growing Conditions

- Light: Bright, indirect light at 65–75°F.
- Water: Once growth starts, keep soil lightly moist, not soggy.
- Fertilizer: Feed with liquid houseplant fertilizer every 2–3 weeks once the stalk appears.
- Support: Use a stake if stems grow tall.

Bloom Time

- Blooms appear about 6–8 weeks after planting.
- For continuous flowers, you can pot up more bulbs every 2 weeks.

After Bloom Care

- Cut the spent flower stalk but leave the leaves.
- Continue watering and feeding until late spring.
- Move outdoors in partial sun for summer growth.

- **In fall, stop watering and store the bulb in a cool, dark place for 8–10 weeks. Then, restart the cycle for next year’s blooms!**