



GROWING AMARYLLIS OUTDOORS IN SAN ANTONIO



When to Plant

- Plant **Amaryllis bulbs** in **late fall through early winter (November–January)**. This timing allows them to establish roots and prepare for a **beautiful bloom season in March or April**, right around Easter.

Site & Soil Prep for Outdoor Amaryllis

- **Sunlight:** Choose a bright spot with **morning sun and light afternoon shade** — San Antonio's midday heat can be too strong.
- **Soil:** Amaryllis needs **well-drained soil**. If you have heavy clay, **mix in compost or expanded shale** to improve drainage and aeration.

Planting Tips

- **Spacing:** Give bulbs room to grow — plant about **12 inches apart**.
- Dig a hole deep enough to set the bulb with its **neck slightly above ground level**.
- 💡 Don't plant bulbs too deep — if buried completely, they may rot or fail to bloom.
- **Water thoroughly** after planting to settle the soil.
- Add a **light layer of mulch** to help maintain moisture and protect from cold snaps.

Outdoor Amaryllis Care Through the Seasons

- **Watering:** Keep the soil **evenly moist** during active growth and blooming, but avoid waterlogged conditions.
- **Feeding:** Fertilize monthly with a **balanced bulb fertilizer** or **liquid bloom booster** such as 10-30-20 during spring and early summer.
- **Cold Protection:** In colder winters (below **25°F**), **cover plants with frost cloth** or **add extra mulch** to insulate the bulbs.

- **After Blooming:** Allow foliage to **die back naturally** — the leaves are recharging the bulb for next year's blooms.
- Amaryllis in San Antonio may go **semi-dormant in hot, dry summer weather**.
That's normal! Simply reduce watering and let the leaves fade naturally. You can leave the bulbs in the ground year-round.
- If you want to divide or relocate bulbs, **late summer to early fall** is the best time.