Easy Planting Instructions

🌼 **Upon Arrival:**

Open package to increase air flow. Store in a cool, dry place out of the sun, about 60-65 F.

🌼 **When to Plant:**

Generally starting in late October. Bulbs need to form roots below ground in cool soil - not when warm soil encourages top growth.

🌼 **Where to Plant:**

An area with good drainage, minimum 6 hours of sun, rich soil best. IMPORTANT: Choose a spot that won't be mowed/ cut back before August*. After flowering, leaves feed the bulbs for next season's blooms by storing starch as they lose green color and wilt. The more sun they receive, the faster the process. Cutting, mowing or covering them while green will kill them. Plant them in a garden where other vegetation will cover this awkward stage or fields and roadside* areas where you won't notice it. Choose well: In the right spot, daffodils live for decades and require no work.

🌼 **How to Plant:**

About 6" apart, 6-8" deep (4-6" for miniatures) firm bottom contact; loose soil below bulb is best. No amendments in hole except aged compost if available, tamp down soil to remove air pockets. Fertilize with a slow-release 5-10-20 fertilizer above ground if desired; bone meal is no longer recommended. Water well unless rain is forecast soon.

🌼 **About Naturalized Field or Roadside* Plantings:**

Choose an area not exposed to road salt and not mowed by the town* or state* before August. Use a tool to pull back sod/soil to proper depth, push bulb to bottom of hole, replace sod/soil, step firmly to remove air pockets. This type of planting benefits greatly from a slow-release 5-10-20 fertilizer applied to the area after planting.

Thank you for supporting "Daffodils for Dunbarton," the Garden Club's beautification program to honor our town's 250th Anniversary in 2015 and again in 2024!

Daffodils *for* **Dunbarton**

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Happy Planting!

Place this Reminder on your Spring/Summer Calendar:
Do not cut back or mow daffodil leaves while green!