

Paperwhite narcissus are native to warm climates. Unlike hardy/outdoor narcissus and other spring-blooming bulbs, they do not need a chilling period in order to bloom indoors.

### **Two different planting methods may be used.**

#### **Using a closed bottom container (no drainage holes)**

- Fill a container with pea gravel or glass pebbles.  
(You can also fill a tall container half full. This helps support the stems as they grow.)
- Place 3 bulbs in a 5" pot, 4-5 bulbs in a 6" pot and 7-9 bulbs in a 8" pot.
- Nestle the bulbs gently into the gravel.
- Add water to the container until it touches the bottom of the bulbs.
- Maintain water at this level throughout the forcing period.

#### **Using a container with drainage holes**

- Fill a container with well-drained soil.
- Plant the bulbs leaving the top half of the bulb exposed.
- Water when the soil dries out.

Regardless of the method of planting, keep in a relatively cool area (50° – 55 °F) until the bulb sprouts and top growth begins, usually three to four weeks.

When the shoots are about 2" tall, bring the pots into bright light to develop the flower stalks. This usually takes about two to three weeks. Warmer temperatures will encourage faster growth, but may lead to floppiness. The brighter the light and the cooler the temperatures (but not going below 50° – 55 °F), the more compact the plants will remain. Tall plants may need support.

Discard the bulbs after flowering since they are not hardy in our climate and will not flower again after being forced into bloom.