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Easter Plant Care

Easter Lilies & Asiatic Lilies

Water as soon as they feel light. Removing yellow pollen from blooms will help them last longer, as well as stay clean. After the blooms turn brown and dry up, cut off blooms back to the leaves, and continue to water with a little fertilizer. In early May or as soon as night temps stay above 40°F, you can plant them out in your perennial garden and they will come back and bloom each summer like other lilies.

Florist Mums & Hydrangeas

Water as soon as they feel light, preferably before they start to wilt. These plants are forced into bloom for Easter, so they do not have the hardiness to survive our winters like true perennials. Enjoy them for the next 3-6 weeks and throw away.

Bulb Gardens

Water as soon as they feel light. Bulbs will continue to bloom best and longest if they are kept in a cool location, preferably 33-45°F. After the blooms turn brown and dry up, we recommend that you snap off the top 3 inches of each tulip stem to prevent the bulbs from expending energy on producing seeds. The spent flowers of all other bulbs need be removed only for aesthetic reasons. Don't cut the leaves; they are storing up energy for next year's flowers and then go dormant, usually within 6 to 12 weeks. As they go dormant, the foliage yellows and withers and finally dries up. This is perfectly normal.

As soon as the bulbs planted outside begin growing & blooming, you can remove from the pot and plant the entire clump out in your garden with a little bone meal or bulb fertilizer, and they will come back and bloom each summer like other bulbs. If you intend for your bulbs to be long-term players in your landscape, you may want to fertilize lightly with a low-nitrogen fertilizer in early spring, when the shoots begin to push through the soil. Go easy. More fertilizer doesn't make for more or larger flowers; it just goes to waste.