



Grape Hyacinth Planting Guide

About Grape Hyacinth

Native to Southeastern Europe, the grape hyacinth (muscari) is a spring blooming perennial in the lily family. The flowers typically cluster like grapes, and have a delicious, sweet fragrance. Their size, color, and scent make them perfectly suited for lining the edges of containers, paths, and gardens.

When to Plant

Plant grape hyacinth in the fall, when soil in your area has started to cool- right up until the soil freezes in cold regions. If you live in a warm area, plant your outdoor grape hyacinths by late November to give the bulbs time to root in.

Where to Plant

Grape Hyacinths thrive in both full sun to partial shade conditions. They do well in average soils and don't require any special conditions. However, well-draining soil is key.

How to Plant

Plant about 10 grape hyacinth bulbs per square foot. Dig holes 4" deep and add a handful or two of compost. Plant your bulbs about 3" below the soil line with the pointed end facing up. Once planted, water well to settle the soil.

Caring for Grape Hyacinth

While there won't be any growth the first fall, the bulb's roots will be growing to absorb nutrients and moisture.

After flowering, your grape hyacinth leaves will continue to photosynthesize to devote energy for the bulb's growth the following spring. Then the bulbs will go dormant the remainder of the summer. The bulbs will stay moisturized with just average rainfall during summer and will not require additional watering.