

# *Narcissus*



Common Name: miscellaneous daffodils

Type: Bulb

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Zone: 4 to 8

Height: 0.50 to 0.75 feet

Spread: 0.25 to 0.50 feet

Bloom Time: April

Bloom Description: Buttercup yellow

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium

Maintenance: Low

Flower: Showy, Good Cut

Tolerate: Rabbit, Deer, Drought

**Culture** Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Good soil drainage is essential. Best in organically rich loams. Soils should be kept uniformly moist during the growing season, but drought is tolerated while dormant. Plant bulbs in early to mid fall. Planting depth depends upon bulb size. In St. Louis, each bulb should be planted 2 to 3 times as deep as the bulb, with at least 3" of soil over the top. Space bulbs from 4-10" apart (larger bulbs are planted further apart than smaller ones). Larger spacing may look sparse in early years, but the spaces will fill in over time and division will be needed less. In general, most bulbs will be planted 3-6" deep and 4-8" apart. After the flowers have bloomed in spring, the top portion of each flower stem may be removed, as practicable, to prevent seed formation, but foliage should not be cut back until it begins to yellow. Flowers usually face the sun, so bulbs should be grown with any shade areas at the rear of the planting. Bulbs can be left undisturbed for a number of years. If bloom quality and quantity decline over time, clumps may be divided by digging just after the foliage dies back.

**Noteworthy Characteristics** *Narcissus* is a genus of about 50 species of bulbous perennials from Europe and North Africa. They are a mainstay of the spring garden. Depending upon species or hybrid type, flowers appear singly or in clusters atop stems rising from 6-30" tall. Flowers generally feature a trumpet or cup (the corona) surrounded by six petals (perianth segments), in colors ranging from white to yellow to orange to pink to bicolors. Flowers are sometimes fragrant. Flowers bloom in early spring. Narrow, linear to strap-shaped, green leaves appear in erect to sprawling clumps.

**Problems** No serious insect or disease problems. With proper soil and culture, daffodils are noted for being almost pest-free.

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