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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



TULIP



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1. FERTILIZER CYCLE (STAGE-WISE)

🌱 BULB PLANTING STAGE (OCT–NOV IN INDIA)

SOIL MIX: 50% GARDEN SOIL + 30% COMPOST + 20% SAND (WELL-DRAINED).

AT PLANTING → ADD BONE MEAL (30–40 G PER SQ. FT.) OR BULB BOOSTER FERTILIZER.

AVOID DIRECT CONTACT OF FERTILIZER WITH BULBS (PREVENTS BURNING).

🌱 GROWTH STAGE (LEAVES EMERGING – DEC–JAN)

EVERY 15–20 DAYS → APPLY LIQUID FERTILIZER (NPK 19:19:19, 2 G/LITRE WATER).

ADD EPSOM SALT SPRAY (1 TSP/LITRE WATER) MONTHLY FOR GREENER LEAVES.

🌱 BUDDING & FLOWERING STAGE (FEB–MARCH)

EVERY 10–12 DAYS → APPLY PHOSPHORUS & POTASSIUM-RICH FERTILIZER (NPK 10:26:26 OR

0:52:34).

ADD BANANA PEEL FERTILIZER ONCE DURING BUDDING FOR STRONGER FLOWERS.

🌱 POST-FLOWERING STAGE (APRIL)

DO NOT CUT LEAVES IMMEDIATELY AFTER FLOWERS FADE → THEY SUPPLY ENERGY BACK TO

BULBS.

FERTILIZE LIGHTLY ONCE (COMPOST OR LIQUID FEED).

ONCE LEAVES YELLOW & DIE → STOP FERTILIZING, LET BULBS REST.

2. CARING TIPS

✓ SUNLIGHT – NEEDS 5–6 HOURS OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT DAILY.

✓ WATERING – KEEP SOIL MOIST BUT NOT SOGGY; AVOID WATERLOGGING.

✓ PLANTING DEPTH – PLANT BULBS 6–8 INCHES DEEP, SPACING 4–6 INCHES APART.

✓ TEMPERATURE – NEEDS COLD WINTERS (10–15°C) FOR PROPER BLOOMING. IN WARM

REGIONS → USE CHILLED BULBS.

✓ BULB CARE – AFTER FLOWERING, DIG OUT BULBS, DRY THEM, AND STORE IN A COOL, DARK

PLACE UNTIL NEXT SEASON.



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3. PRO HACKS 🌿

🌿 CHILLING HACK → IN WARM INDIAN CITIES, REFRIGERATE BULBS (NOT FREEZER) FOR 6-8

WEEKS BEFORE PLANTING.

🌿 BANANA PEEL TRICK → PROVIDES NATURAL POTASSIUM → STRONGER, LONGER-LASTING BLOOMS.

🌿 EPSOM SALT SPRAY → BOOSTS LEAF HEALTH & HELPS BIGGER FLOWER HEADS.

🌿 DEADHEADING HACK → REMOVE SPENT FLOWERS (BUT KEEP LEAVES) → BULBS GROW STRONGER FOR NEXT SEASON.

🌿 MULCHING → USE DRY LEAVES/COCOPEAT TO PROTECT BULBS FROM TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS.



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