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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



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1. Fertilizer Cycle (Stage-wise)

1 Planting Stage (Oct–Nov in India)

Soil Mix: 40% garden soil + 30% compost + 20% sand + 10% cocopeat.

Use tuberous roots (corms) — soak them in lukewarm water for 8–10 hours before planting.

Plant corms 1–2 inches deep, spaced 4–6 inches apart.

Add vermicompost (50–75 g per plant) or FYM (farmyard manure, 100 g) at planting.

💧 Fertilizer Tip at Planting:

Mix a small amount of bone meal (25 g) or NPK 10:10:10 (½ tsp per pot) into the soil to promote root development.

2 Vegetative Growth Stage (Nov–Dec)

Feed every 15–20 days with liquid fertilizer (NPK 19:19:19, 1 g/litre water).

Keep soil moist but not waterlogged.

Place in full morning sun to partial shade.

Avoid overhead watering — water at the base to prevent fungal issues.

3 Budding & Flowering Stage (Jan–March)

Switch to phosphorus-rich fertilizer for blooming:

→ NPK 10:26:26 or 0:52:34 (1 g/litre water every 15 days).

Add organic boosters like banana peel compost or bone meal once a month.

Deadhead spent blooms to extend the flowering period.

Ensure good sunlight (5–6 hours daily).

4 Post-Flowering Stage (April–May)

Once flowers fade, reduce watering gradually.

Allow leaves to yellow and dry naturally — this helps the corms store energy.

After drying, lift and store corms in a cool, dry place for the next season.



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2. Caring Tips

- ✓ Sunlight: Prefers bright, indirect sunlight or morning sun.
- ✓ Soil: Loamy, fertile, and well-draining soil (pH 6.5–7).
- ✓ Watering: Keep soil moist during growth; reduce water after flowering.
- ✓ Temperature: Best range 10°C–22°C; sensitive to high heat (>28°C).
- ✓ Container Growing: Ideal for 8–10 inch pots or border beds.
- ✓ Spacing: 4–6 inches apart.
- ✓ Pests: Occasional aphids, snails, or fungal spots → spray neem oil biweekly.

3. Pro Hacks

- 🌱 Pre-Soak Hack: Always soak corms overnight before planting — faster sprouting & stronger roots.
- 🌱 Bloom Booster Tip: Feed with phosphorus-rich fertilizer (bone meal or 10:26:26) before buds appear.
- 🌱 Watering Trick: Water early morning; avoid wet leaves to prevent fungal rot.
- 🌱 Rebloom Hack: Remove dead flowers promptly → triggers new blooms.
- 🌱 Storage Tip: After the season, dry corms and store them in sawdust or sand for reuse next year.

4. Blooming Pattern in India 🌻

Planting Time: October–November

Flowering Season: January–March

Peak Bloom: February

Colors: Red, white, blue, purple, pink

Plant Height: 8–12 inches

Type: Tuberous perennial (grown as an annual in Indian plains)

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