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## **Amaryllis Planting and Care**



Upon receipt of your amaryllis, unpack the bulb removing the black plastic sheet used to secure the potting soil in place. You will note that your amaryllis bulb has about one-third of the bulb above the potting mix. This is the proper planting method for amaryllis. Each Logee's amaryllis bulb is pre-planted in a decorative white tin pot with a plastic liner to make the pot waterproof. (However, it's always a good idea to set the pot in a saucer to prevent scratches or condensation.) Since there are no drainage holes in the bottom of the pot, it's critical to water properly and not overwater or the potting media will become soggy and unhealthy for the plant.

When you have unpacked your bulb, water the soil and place the plant in a bright window. The room temperature should be 60°-75°F. The warmer the room, the faster the bulb will grow. Water sparingly until growth begins. Then water when the top of the soil is dry. Turn the pot regularly because the stems will lean toward the window. In an average home, flowers will appear within 6-12 weeks after planting. With some tall amaryllis varieties, it's beneficial to use a support stake to keep the blooms upright and support the stem. Bloom time lasts for several weeks and can be prolonged by keeping the plant cooler at night. Easy-to-grow amaryllis bulbs produce some of the largest, most spectacular blooms in the plant kingdom. Enjoy!

After flowering, remove faded flowers but not the leaves or stems. When the leaves die, allow the soil mixture to dry. Remove the bulb from the soil and store it in a dry location. In the fall, repeat the care instructions above.