

# How do I care for Amaryllis?

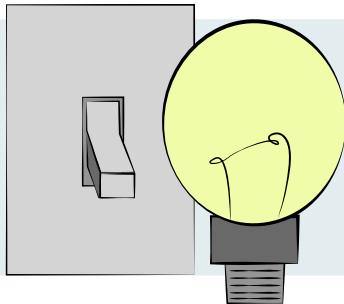
Your new Amaryllis should be planted in a pot with a drainage hole, approximately 2 inches wider than the bulb. Use a well drained potting mix, and bury the bulb with the top 1/3 exposed above the soil. Place the bulb in a warm, sunny spot and begin watering sparingly to encourage growth. The plant will take more frequent watering as it grows.

- 1 As the flower stalks emerge, turn the pot regularly to keep them from bending towards the window.
- 2 As blossoms fade, remove the spent flower stalks. Don't remove the leaves; they need them to replenish the bulb!
- 3 Place the pot in a warm, sunny spot, preferably in an east- or south-facing window. Allow the plant to dry well between thorough watering.



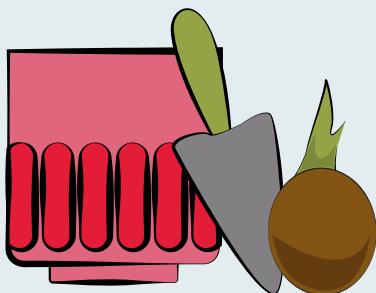
## MEMORIAL DAY

Around Memorial Day, place the pot outdoors in a sunny location. You will need to water more frequently while the plant is outside. Be sure to fertilize regularly throughout the summer.



## LABOR DAY

Around Labor Day, stop watering and move pot indoors. This will allow the bulb to go dormant, and stimulate flower bud production. At this point store in a dark, cool location.



## HALLOWEEN

At Halloween, snip off the leaves (they should be dried by now). It is time for fresh potting mix. Take the bulb out of the pot and remove any dead roots and extra dried skins. Repot in a well-drained potting mix in a pot that is approximately two inches wider than the bulb. Then take care of the bulb just like it's a new one!

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## CHRISTMAS

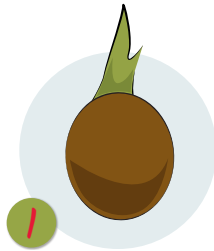
Bare bulb gets planted into pot 1 inch bigger than bulb width across. It flowers, then flowers die. Leaves shoot up, and continue to shoot up until fall frost.

But in **MARCH/SPRING**, place pot outside (or plant into garden outside). Continue to water through season.

Let grow until **OCTOBER** or until the leaves have frost on them. Bring the potted bulb inside to cool place (basement) and stop watering. Cut the dead leaves and let the bulb rest in its pot for 6-8 weeks. Afterword, repot in fresh soil (begins new cycle).

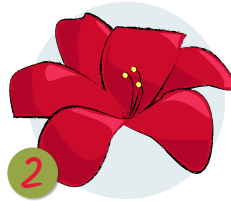


*NOTE: Saving amaryllis changes the bloom time to spring and summer (no longer on holidays).*



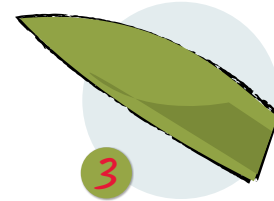
### JANUARY

Plant bulb in fresh soil.



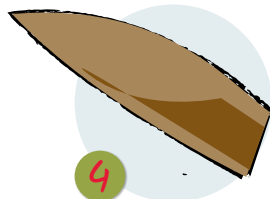
### FEBRUARY

Flowers - cut flowers when flowers die.



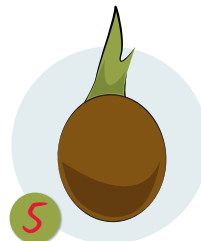
### MARCH - OCTOBER

Leaves grow. Bring in pot when leaves frost.



### NOVEMBER

Stop watering and cut dead leaves.



### DECEMBER - JANUARY

Rest period of about 6-8 weeks.