

# Ornamental Allium

Allium spp.

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**4–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

BLOOM

**Spring**

HEIGHT

**1–4 ft**

DEER

**Resistant**

POLLINATORS

**Yes**

## AT A GLANCE

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Ornamental alliums are reliable, deer-proof, largely pest-free late-spring to early-summer bulbs that fill the bloom gap between spring and summer perennials. The foliage senescing before flowers open is normal, not a problem -- plant them behind later-emerging perennials that will cover the dying foliage. Plant in fall, 3–4 times the bulb diameter deep, in full sun with excellent drainage.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/allium-care/>