

Daffodil

Narcissus spp.

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

3–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Spring

HEIGHT

1–2 ft

DEER

Resistant

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Daffodils are deer-proof, long-lived, and largely pest-free. The main rule: do not cut or tie the foliage until it has fully yellowed and died back naturally -- this takes 6–8 weeks after bloom and is non-negotiable for the bulb to build energy for next year. Plant in fall, 6–8 inches deep, in any reasonably drained sunny location.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- 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/daffodil-care/>