



# HOW TO STORE BULBS OVER THE WINTER

## **BENEFITS TO STORING BULBS:**

Overwintering bulbs offers gardeners a number of benefits. First it saves money, it is also easy, takes little space and the gardener can increase their quantity of unusual and expensive species.

## **STORING BULBS:**

Watch for the plant to go into dormancy in early to mid-Fall, or once the weather turns cool. At this time the leaves will begin to die back. When this happens, dig up the tuber and remove all soil. Store bulb in a dry, dark, cool place that does not freeze. Wrap bulb in newspaper or put in a paper bag with a bit of peat moss or sawdust to keep bulb dry and to prevent rotting. An addition of sulphur dust is recommended to prevent disease and insects from overwintering on bulbs.

## **REPOTTING BULBS:**

Bring the bulb back out into the light in early spring and resume regular care. Repot the plant by placing it back into the pot with fresh potting mix. Move or replant outdoors when the chance of frost is past.

## **BULBS THAT CAN BE OVERWINTERED:**

Caladiums

Elephant Ear (Alocasia/Colocasia)

Calla Lily

Egyptian Onion

Canna Lily

Gladiolus

Dahlia

Tuberous Begonia

