



AMARYLLIS CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

For bare or soil-grown holiday amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*), choose a bright, sunny window. Turn the pot regularly as stems grow. Once flowers open, a bright spot out of strong sun helps the display last. Waxed bulbs need separate instructions.

WATERING

Water after planting and let excess drain. Water again when the upper potting mix has dried, increasing attention as roots and leaves develop. Never leave the bulb standing in water or pour water into its neck.

SOIL

Use fresh, well-drained potting mix in a sturdy pot only slightly wider than the bulb. Leave the upper third to half of the bulb above the mix. Drainage holes are essential. Support tall flower stems with a stake if needed.

TEMPERATURE

Normal warm room temperatures encourage growth. Keep away from cold drafts and heaters; cooler conditions after flowers open can prolong blooming. Flowering time varies with variety and bulb condition, so a particular holiday bloom date cannot be guaranteed.

FERTILIZING

Feed during active leafy growth with a houseplant fertilizer according to its label. After flowering, remove faded blooms but keep green leaves and stems to rebuild the bulb. A later rest period can help prepare it for another flowering cycle.

PESTS

Inspect bulbs for soft areas, mold or insects. Overwatering encourages bulb and root rot. Isolate affected plants and remove damaged material with clean tools. Keep bulbs away from children and pets that might eat them.