



# ***Unique Garden Centre***

## **PAPERWHITES FOR INDOOR WINTER BLOOM**



Paperwhites are the easiest and most dependable indoor blooming bulb and a great cure for winter blues. Successive plantings from mid-October until January will provide sweetly fragrant flowers throughout the winter.

### **Water Only Method:**

Perch the bulbs on 2-3" of pebbles in a bowl or other watertight container, spacing bulbs 1/2" apart and continue to fill the container with pebbles until 1/3 of each bulb is in the gravel. Add water to just touch the base of the bulbs (be sure the water level is not higher or the bulbs will begin to rot). Place in a dark cool place 16-21°C (60-70°F) for 2 – 3 weeks to encourage root growth. After roots have developed maintain the water level 1/4" below the base of the bulb.

### **Soil Method:**

Plant paperwhite bulbs in a quick draining soil mix, in a pot with proper drainage. Leave soil level 1" below pot rim to allow room for watering. Make sure bulbs are deep enough to allow just the tips showing above the soil line. Place in a cool, dark place and keep evenly moist for the 2-3 week period until roots are well established.

For either method, after the above rooting time has been allowed, place the containers in a cool, well lit spot, and wait 3-8 weeks for blooming. The length of time from planting to flowering tends to decrease as the season progresses. Bulbs in stones and water bloom more quickly than those planted in soil. Keep your blooming pots of bulbs evenly moist at all times and avoid hot/dry drafts.