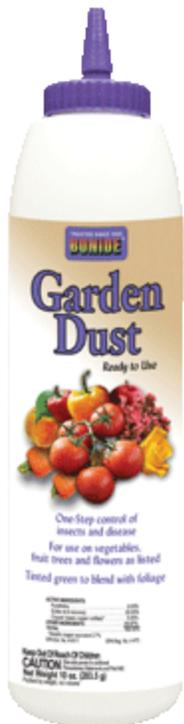


# Storing Spring Bulbs



Many spring-planted, summer-blooming bulbs will die in the frozen ground over the winter. But you can dig them up and store them to be replanted in the spring. This way, you can get many years of enjoyment from a single bulb and it will grow bigger and bigger each year.

1. Dig up the bulb and cut off the dead plant material about two inches up from the bulb. Rinse the bulb off in the sink and pat it dry.
2. Place the bulb on a sheet of newspaper and dust it lightly with garden dust to protect it from pests and diseases during the winter. Garden Dust by Bonide is a great one to use. It contains pyrethrins to control insects and copper sulfate to protect against fungus. When you're done, wrap the bulb up in the newspaper.

3. Fill the bottom of a disposable Styrofoam cooler with a 1" layer of peat moss or vermiculite. The Styrofoam will keep the bulbs from freezing while also allowing them to breathe and the peat moss will help regulate the moisture. Place your wrapped bulbs inside and cover with a 1" layer of peat moss or vermiculite. Then, store the cooler in an unheated garage or shed off the concrete floor (6).



4. Check on the bulbs once every month during the winter to make sure they are staying a little moist but not wet. In the spring take them out and plant them just like normal!

Summer Bulbs to Store
Gladiolus
Cannas
Dahlias
Callas
Caladiums