



## PLANNING YOUR HOME BULB DISPLAY

Shopping for bulbs brings on a slew of emotions! Both excitement and terror at the same time.

Here at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, we plan our bulb designs in June each year for online ordering in July. Many of the companies that we use are strictly wholesale, selling bulbs by the hundreds or thousands. That being said, you can understand how designing displays using catalogs and ordering more than 20,000 bulbs online can make you feel, especially when you have to wait three months to plant them and five more months to see them begin to bloom!

## "This level of planning is for those gardeners who are truly addicted to plants (or plan to be)!"

For people like us, a few online companies also sell to home gardeners. Many offer print catalogs — stunning ones at that.

Once you inevitably forget what you ordered online and decide you need a plant-purchasing fix, you can shop locally for bulbs. There's nothing better than walking into your favorite plant shop, touching every plant and enduring the loving judgment of your friends and family.

Shopping local is a great option if you're looking to fill a few containers or just starting to explore your budding interest in gardening.





John Scheepers
BEAUTY FROM BULBS

Amazing selection of annual and perennial bulbs, definitely my go-to place for perennials, whether for home or Yew Dell. Want to plant every cultivar of Camassia (Camas) in your rain garden? They have you covered!



BRENT — AND — BECKY'S

I love Brent and Becky! Family-owned, adorably sweet couple, who carry some really unique and funky bulbs. They're my go-to for a specimen or statement piece in our designs or containers. A couple of years ago, I bought Voodoo Lily (Drucunculous vulgaris), for home, and now my yard smells like death every May. It's amazing!

Starting Fall 2025, we will be stocking a limited supply of our best-performing perennial spring bulbs in the Garden Gift Shop.





My two favorite garden centers! They both carry an array of the basics, just enough to dip your toes in the water. From Crocus to Tulips, this is a great route for experimenting in containers or a small area in your garden. Give it a go, have fun and see what works for you.

Happy plant shopping :)

-Sayde Heckman, Garden & Arboretum Manager