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HOW TO PLANT TULIP BULBS?

Following the tulip bulb giveaway, the Town is offering helpful hints on how to get beautiful tulips next spring.

THE GREEN LINE

First, choose a sunny spot to plant your bulbs, whether in your flowerbeds, alongside your perennials, or in big flower pots to be left outside.

The bulbs don't require much maintenance; all you need to do is plant and water them and they will flower every spring.

Due to our harsh winters, they must be planted in a hole that is two to three times their size. Also, be sure to space your bulbs 5 to 10 cm apart, depending on their size.

The reused tulip bulbs distributed by the Town must be planted as soon as possible for them to take root. You may see a few leaves grow, but the flower won't blossom until the following spring.

HOW TO KEEP SQUIRRELS AWAY FROM YOUR TULIPS?

The Green Line suggests ecological solutions to keep squirrels and other animals away from your tulips:

- Use a blood-based fertilizer;
- Sprinkle Cayenne pepper on your flowerbeds and re-sprinkle after heavy rain;
- Spray the flower clumps with a mix of water and strong mustard (dilute 15ml of mustard in two litres of water);
- Leave citrus peels near the bulbs;
- Use wolf urine, available in garden centres, as directed. This product will not only keep squirrels away, but other small animals too, such as skunks and groundhogs.

The Green Line is your source for advice and tips on maintaining your lawn and keep weeds under control.

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