



How to Care for Tulips from Washington Park

1. **Choose a sunny site with well-drained soil.**
2. **Prepare soil by adding organic matter such as compost or aged manure and a balanced fertilizer such as 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 or a fertilizer for bulbs. The label will guide you as to the amount for the area.**
3. **Re-plant tulips 6" deep as soon as possible, water in and leave the leaves intact as they yellow and brown. Cut off foliage when it is dried and brown.**
4. **Water bulbs periodically if the summer is droughty.**
5. **If you have small animals that dig up bulbs or burrow down and eat them, there are a few things to try that will deter them. Do not use bone meal as a fertilizer as the odor will attract animals. Oyster shell poultry grit mixed with the soil will deter the burrowing critters or try covering the beds with a fine wire mesh such as hardware cloth.**