



FBMG Help Desk  
**Question of the Week**

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After my amaryllis finishes flowering will it bloom again? Also can I plant it outside?

*Lets take a look...*

# Amaryllis History

*The background of this beautiful plant helps you understand it's popularity*

Amaryllis comes from the Greek word amarysso, which means "to sparkle."

- Originally from Africa, bulbs were brought to Europe in the 1700s and have been known to bloom for up to 75 years.
- Locally, the amaryllis bulbs we find and grow as houseplants are hybrids of the genus Hippeastrum and are native to Central and South America.
- Amaryllis flowers range from 4 to 10 inches in size and can be either single or double in form.
- While the most popular colors are red and white, flowers may also be pink, salmon, apricot, rose or deep burgundy. Some varieties are bicolor such as purple and green, or picotee (having petals with a different edge color).



Often Sold in November and December

***An awesome gift!***

***For hostess, teacher, friend, co-worker, favorite gardener...***

***This easy to grow plant provides an economical elegance to any home***



- *You can give the gift of an amaryllis either as the plant stem or as a potted bulb*
- *Depending on the bulb size, there should be one to three stems, each stem producing a stunning bloom*
- *Each bulb will provide weeks of color, making it the perfect gift for the entire holiday season*

Potted amaryllis can be found at garden centers, big box retail stores, and many other retailers beginning in  
November

# A Rewarding Accent For the Home

## *Enjoy inside.*

*Can be kept inside and enjoyed for years to come.*

The Christmas flowering Amaryllis is normally a summer flowering bulb that has been 'forced' to bloom at Christmastime. Once established, it will produce its showy trumpets each year and require only minimal care



**Indoor Care:** Treat the amaryllis as any other houseplant, providing regular watering, feeding and plenty of light - in front of a south facing window would be ideal.

For blooms the following year, place the pots on their sides in late September and do not water. In November remove the old foliage and replace top layer of soil.

**Thoroughly water to encourage new growth. New blooms will emerge in 3 to 8 weeks.**

# Growing Amaryllis Outdoors

*With proper conditions, location and care, this show stopper can grace your garden for years to come*

**Amaryllis can make a great landscape plant under the proper conditions and care.**

- Amaryllis grow in almost any good and well drained garden soil in Zones 7b through 10.
- New bulbs should be planted in late September or early October
- Bulbs moved outdoors from inside should be moved outdoors in the Spring, provided that you gradually acclimate the indoor plants to brighter light by first moving them to a porch or patio
- Select a sunny spot that receives some afternoon shade



Amaryllis do not fare extremely cold weather well, as bulbs can be injured at temperatures below 35 degrees. Following proper cover/tenting techniques if there is a danger of frost or freeze is recommended.

*Enjoy your amaryllis and in a few short years you may be sharing with your friends and neighbors.*

# A Beautiful Progression

*All stages of this plant are show stoppers.*

Weather you decide to keep it as an indoor plant or move to the outside  
it is sure to please year after year.



- Inside in a pot
- Inside in the winter and outside in the summer in pots
- Outside in the garden
- Cut for arrangements and brought in from the outside
- Can be forced to bloom in the winter
- Left to its own will most likely bloom spring and or summer

***Do you have questions  
about your home  
landscape and plants?***

***Contact the Fort Bend  
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***[Amaryllis belladonna \(Amaryllis Lily, August Lily, Belladonna Lily, Jersey Lily, March Lily, Naked Lady, Resurrection Lily\) | North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\) Amaryllis belladonna](#)***  
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***[How to take care of amaryllis and get them to rebloom | Illinois Extension | UIUC College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences](#)***  
***[Amaryllis Care | University of Maryland Extension \(umd.edu\) Amaryllis Care](#)***  
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***[Amaryllis - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences \(ufl.edu\)](#)***  
***[What to Do with Amaryllis After It Blooms \(thespruce.com\) Amaryllis Planting and Care – Amaryllis & Caladium Bulb Company](#)***  
***[Amaryllis Care: Growing and Caring for Amaryllis Plants | The Old Farmer's Almanac Amaryllis](#)***