



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need an ID to pick up my bulbs?

No. All you need to provide us with is your first and last name when you come to pick up your bulbs.

Can I send someone to pick up the bulbs on my behalf?

Yes! Just let whomever is picking them up know that they must check in with your name. Even if you are part of a group (i.e. school, gardening club, etc.) our system organizes the distribution list by the name of the person that requested the bulbs.

How much do my daffodil bulbs weigh?

The large net bags (550 bulbs) weigh about 35-40 pounds. The tote bags with 350 and 200 weigh about 25-15 pounds. We suggest that you bring a hand cart to transport them, as they can be heavy.

Where will you be set up in the park?

Manhattan: Sunday, September 10th – at the [North Plaza in Union Square](#)

Queens: Saturday, September 16th – at the [Overlook in Forest Park](#)

Brooklyn: Saturday, September 23rd – at the [Grand Army Plaza Greenmarket](#)

Brooklyn: Saturday, September 30th – at the [Seth Low Community Center](#)

Queens: Saturday, October 7th – at the [Rockaway Firehouse at Beach 59th](#)

Bronx: Saturday, October 14th – at [St. Mary's Park](#)

Staten Island: Saturday, October 21st – at the [Tennis House in Silver Lake Park](#)

Will there still be a distribution if it's raining?

All of our distribution events are rain or shine!

How did you choose the distribution location? Do I have to request to pick up the bulbs in the borough I live in?

In order to provide all New Yorkers with the opportunity to beautify their neighborhood open spaces, our small outreach team does its best to provide multiple distribution locations that are accessible to as many participants as possible. This might mean that we aren't distributing the bulbs in your neighborhood park, but we try to ensure that pick-up locations are relatively close to mass transit and parking where possible. We provide multiple dates throughout the fall, so that you may be able to find the most convenient location and time for your schedule. If the distribution in your home borough doesn't work for you, we encourage you to select another distribution location that does!

Why can't I request a larger amount of bulbs?

While we would love to be able to provide every group with as many bulbs as possible, NY4P is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations to provide the funding to purchase our bulbs. Each full bag of bulbs (550) costs approximately \$50, and we have over 1,000 individuals who receive bulbs from us at no cost. Depending on our funding, some years we can order more bulbs than others. While we understand it can be frustrating to receive fewer bulbs than you might have the year prior, we are doing our best to accommodate every individual who has requested bulbs. As a result, that sometimes means we have to make cuts to the maximum number of bulbs any one group can receive. If you are interested in donating to help us buy our daffodil bulbs, you can support the work of NY4P and the Daffodil Project [here](#).

What happens if I show up late?

We will begin to distribute any unclaimed bulbs to individuals who are on the waitlist during the last 30 minutes of each distribution (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.). If you show up after 12:30 p.m. we will still try to honor your registration, however, the waitlist is on a first-come first-serve basis. Once bulbs have been claimed, we cannot guarantee bulbs for those who registered. If you know you will be arriving to your distribution between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm, you can let us know in advance so we hold your bulbs aside.

I submitted my daffodil request, when will I hear back or get a reminder?

When you sign up for daffodils, please make sure that you receive an email from Emily Walker, our Director of Outreach & Programs, that acknowledges your request. You can then expect to receive an email from Emily on the **Wednesday before** your distribution date. (i.e. if you signed up to receive your bulbs at the Seth Low Community Center on the 30th, you will receive an email on September 27th with the details of the event).

How can I get more bulbs?

For those that would like more bulbs than their original order, you are welcome to request a ticket for the waitlist period, and come back at 12:30 p.m., when we will be distributing any unclaimed bulbs to those on the waitlist.

What happens if I'm on the waitlist?

The waitlist for bulbs begins at 3pm on Friday, September 1st (i.e. when regular bulb registration ends). If you register between Monday, August 14th and Friday, September 1st **before** 3pm, you are NOT on the waitlist. The Wednesday prior to the distribution date you selected during waitlist registration, you will receive a reminder email with the details of the event. We will distribute raffle tickets to those on the waitlist, and at 12:30 p.m. sharp we will begin calling out numbers. It is on a first-come first-serve basis so be sure you get your raffle ticket for the opportunity to get some bulbs!

Where can I plant my daffodils?

When requesting bulbs, it is great to have in mind a space where you can plant them. Some great locations include neighborhood tree pits, community gardens, schools, parks, and planters in front of buildings – basically, anywhere that the public can see and enjoy them in the five boroughs of NYC! If you are wanting to plant in a park, but haven't done so before, we encourage you to look up your [Partnerships for Parks Outreach Coordinator](#). They can help you to get in touch with the park manager for permission to plant your bulbs.

How do I plant daffodil bulbs?

Everyone who receives bulbs will receive detailed planting instructions when they pick up their bulbs.

Can you give me tools for my bulb planting?

Unfortunately, no. We do encourage you to look into small grants and crowdfunding if you are in need of supplies. Our friends at the [Citizens Committee for New York City](#) and [ioby](#) can help make this happen!

When is the best time to plant?

Daffodil bulbs should be planted after the weather cools down, usually mid-October through the first week of December. It is important to get them in the ground before the first frost! If you aren't planting your bulbs right away, we suggest you store your bulbs in a cool, dry place until you can plant them.

Is there anything I can do for NY4P in return for getting free bulbs?

Yes! We always love when bulb recipients spread the word about the Daffodil Project, so please let your friends, family, and neighbors in NYC know that they can get free bulbs through our program. In addition, if you are planning to get press around your bulb planting day, we ask that you mention that the bulbs you are planting came from the New Yorkers for Parks Daffodil Project. This kind of coverage helps more New Yorkers discover our program!

Also, we love to see pictures of your planting events, and we especially love seeing pictures of the daffodils in bloom once spring arrives. Please send your photos to ny4p@ny4p.org – your photos help us see the impact we are having on NYC!