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Dishing the Dirt with the Sherburne County Master Gardeners

The Sherburne County Master Gardeners are sending this out to you to keep you informed of our upcoming events, to share garden tips and to let you know what we have been doing. We hope that you enjoy reading this.

PLANT HARDY BULBS NOW FOR EARLY SPRING POLLINATORS

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Pollinators need pollen and nectar as early as April in some parts of Minnesota. Hardy spring-blooming bulbs such as scilla, allium, daffodil, fritillaria, and crocus provide this much needed early season nutrition. These bulbs require a cold period in order to flower successfully and

therefore must be plant them in fall (September - October) - in other words: right now!

Bulbs are relatively inexpensive and easy to plant. Bulbs may be purchased locally or ordered from suppliers either through a catalog or online. Most bulbs require warm, sunny locations. Tip: Sun-loving bulbs can be planted underneath deciduous shade trees because they will bloom before the tree leafs out.

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OCTOBER GARDENING TIP

Don't forget to keep watering your plants in the fall. Keep watering trees and plants as long as the water is draining freely. If you reach into the soil, you should go about palm-deep and still find wet soil. If the soil is dry the next day, give it more water.