

# Daffodil

## *Narcissus sp. 'Erlicheer'*

Daffodils can be seen in the winter to early spring and many varieties are hardy in north Florida. The bulb has the ability to adjust itself in the soil to reach optimal soil depth and temperature. Daffodils are a popular potted plant for cut flowers, but also make attractive naturalized groundcovers. The daffodil is now available in single or double flower forms in various color combinations of yellow, white, apricot, cream, peach, red, or orange. Daffodils need at least 1" of rain or equivalent watering each week during their growing and blooming season but are highly drought tolerant during dormancy. Be careful not to overwater, as wet soil promotes rotting of the bulb.

**Type:** perennial bulb

**USDA hardiness zones:** 3b through 10

**Uses:** border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 18 inches      **Spread:** 4 to 6 inches

**Plant spacing:** 4 to 6 inches

**Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun to part sun

**Soil tolerances:** acid; clay; sand; loam

**Drought tolerance:** high six months of the year; moderate during growth and bloom

**Soil salt tolerances:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** no serious insect or disease problems

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