



PRIMROSES



Primroses are very popular plants for the spring flowers beds. Primroses provide you with early spring blooms in almost every color of the rainbow. They prefer cool temperatures, a rich organic soil rich in humus and partial shade. They appreciate full sun in the spring, but must have semi shade as the temperatures warm. They are quite tolerant of being transplanted, even when they are in bloom. Newly purchased plants may be set into the garden in early spring. Older plants may be divided and transplanted right after they are finished blooming. They should be planted in a cool, partly shady area in the garden with rich, well draining, slightly acid soil (Primroses need to be planted so that their crown is right at soil level, and at least six inches apart.

Although there are hundreds of primrose species and varieties the two main types which bloom in the spring garden and are common to this are the polyanthus types and the acaulis types. The polyanthus varieties produce several stems per plants with clusters of flowers, while the acaulis types produce clusters of individual flowers growing from the centers of the crowns of the plants. These look like small nosegays.

The polyanthus types usually survive better in the Cincinnati area since they can withstand heat and dry conditions better than the acaulis types. We offer both kinds All primroses require a shady location which is moist but well drained. Many primrose die out during the summer because they are either allowed to get too dry or get too wet. They require a slightly acidic soil