



# FLAMING ACRES — DAHLIAS —

## From Soil to Sprout:

### *A Gentle Start for Growing Dahlias*

WHAT TO EXPECT, HOW TO PREPARE,  
AND HOW TO BEGIN WITH CONFIDENCE

#### *The Spring Season Begins*

If you're new to dahlias—or even just thinking about trying them—you're not alone in feeling a little unsure.

Maybe you've planted before and nothing came up. Maybe you treated them like roses and ended up with lots of leaves... but no blooms.

Or maybe you're standing at the edge of something new, wondering if you can really do this.

#### *Here's the good news: You can.*

Dahlias aren't difficult—but they are different. And once you understand a few key things, everything begins to make sense.

YOU DON'T NEED  
TO HAVE IT ALL FIGURED  
OUT TODAY.

*Just a willingness  
to begin.*

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

*Right Now (Even If You Can't See It)*

Early spring can feel confusing. The garden may still look quiet... even empty.

But underneath the surface, something important is happening.



The soil is slowly warming.



Moisture is settling in.



Conditions are shifting—getting ready for growth.



Dahlias need this moment. They don't want to be rushed into cold, wet soil. That's one of the most common reasons tubers fail to sprout.

*So if nothing looks like it's happening yet—that's okay. This is part of the process.*

#### A FEW SIMPLE TRUTHS for First-Time Growers



**WARM SOIL MATTERS MORE THAN EARLY PLANTING**  
Dahlias wait for warmth. Planting too soon can lead to rot instead of growth.



**THEY ARE NOT ROSES**  
Dahlias grow from tubers, not woody roots. They need different timing, watering, and care.



**LESS WATER AT THE BEGINNING IS BETTER**  
Overwatering before sprouts appear is one of the biggest mistakes beginners make.



**PATIENCE IS PART OF SUCCESS**  
It can take 3–5 weeks (sometimes a little longer) to see growth. That's normal.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO *Right Now*

Even if you're not planting today, you're not behind. This is your preparation window.



**CHECK YOUR SOIL**  
Aim for loose, well-draining soil. If water tends to sit, dahlias will struggle.



**WATCH THE TEMPERATURE**  
You're waiting for soil—not air—to warm up (around 60°F is a good guide).



**CHOOSE YOUR PLANTING SPOT**  
Dahlias love sunshine—about 6–8 hours a day.



**HANDLE TUBERS GENTLY**  
Each one holds the full potential of a future plant.



#### *A Quiet Beginning... and a Confident Start* ♥

These early days can feel uncertain, especially if you've struggled before. But this stage? It's not empty. It's foundational.

**YOU'RE LEARNING. YOU'RE OBSERVING. YOU'RE BUILDING CONFIDENCE.**

*And that's where beautiful gardens begin.*

