



PAPERWHITES

LOVE VODKA

How to stunt paperwhites with alcohol:

Pot your paperwhites with stones and water, as you normally would.

Once the roots begin growing and the green shoot is about 1-2 inches tall, pour off the existing water.

Replace the water with a solution of:

7 parts water to 1 part vodka *or* 13 parts water to 1 part rubbing alcohol.

(Please note: the percentage of alcohol contained in rubbing alcohol can vary. For this ratio, please use one containing 70% alcohol.)

Continue to use the alcohol solution for future watering.

A problem with paperwhites, as with many bulbs planted in pots, is that they grow quite tall and all of their weight is at the top. When paperwhites are grown in a dilute solution of alcohol, they grow to only 1/3 - 1/2 of their expected height, but the flowers remain normal size and last just as long. The stress on the plants is just enough to stunt their growth, but not interfere with the blooms.

BLOOM CALENDAR

-Approximate bloom time for paperwhites is 3-6 weeks-

PLANTED  BLOOMS
week of   *week of*

NOV. 14  DEC. 12

NOV. 21  *for Christmas*  DEC. 19

NOV. 28  *for New Year*  DEC. 26

DEC. 05  JAN. 02

DEC. 12  JAN. 09