



# Master Gardener Program

University of California Cooperative Extension



## All About Dahlias!







# Dahlia types

## Ball and Pompon (smaller-2")







# Decorative Formal - Informal





# Cactus • Semi-Cactus







# Collarette





# Waterlily • Anemone







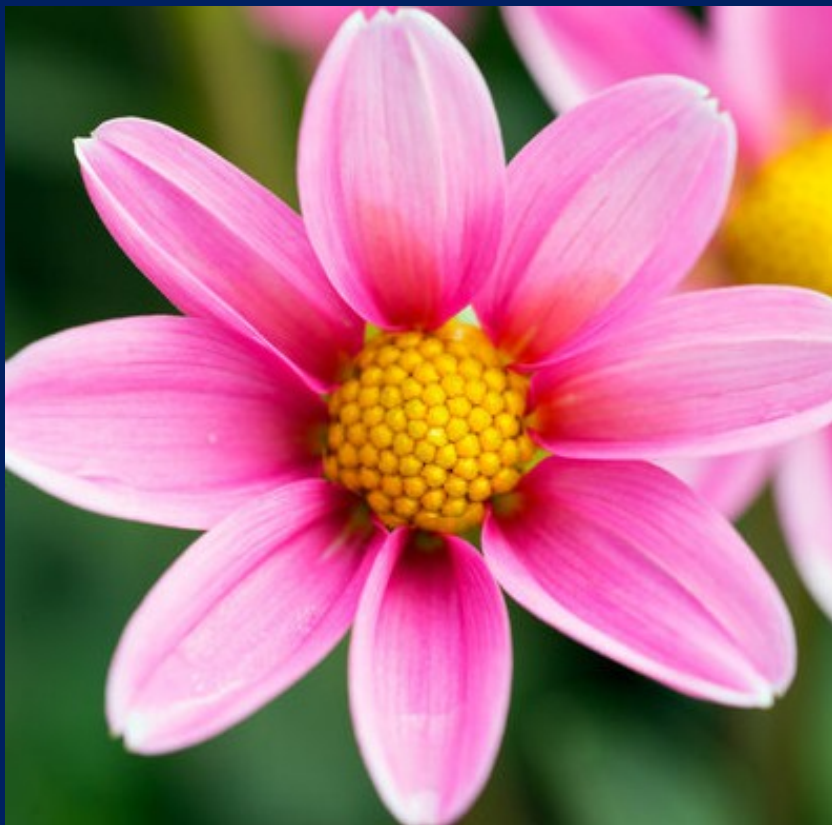
# Tree Dahlia





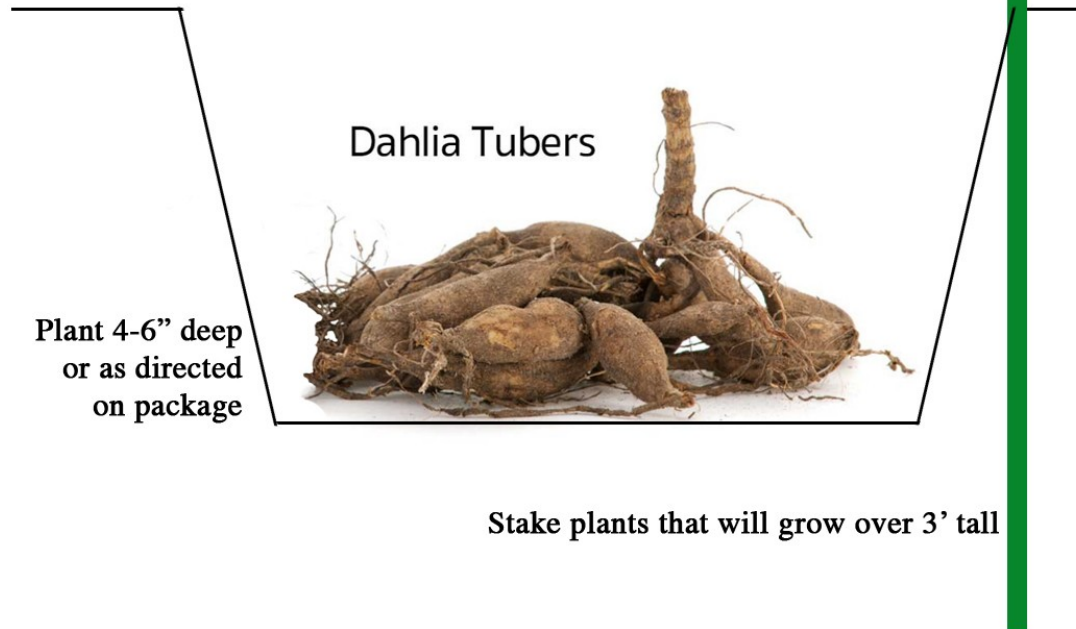


# Single • Orchid type





# Use Garden soil + ammendments







# Pinch, Cut, Deadhead





# Water & Fertilizing

Water until dahlias have sprouted  
Watering 2 – 3 times per week

Fertilize with low nitrogen fertilizer every 3 –  
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# Pests & Diseases



Powdery  
Mildew





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Spider  
Mites







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Earwigs and Cucumber Beetles





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## Snails and Slugs







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Root and Crown Rot





<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/GARDEN/FLOWERS/dahlia.html>

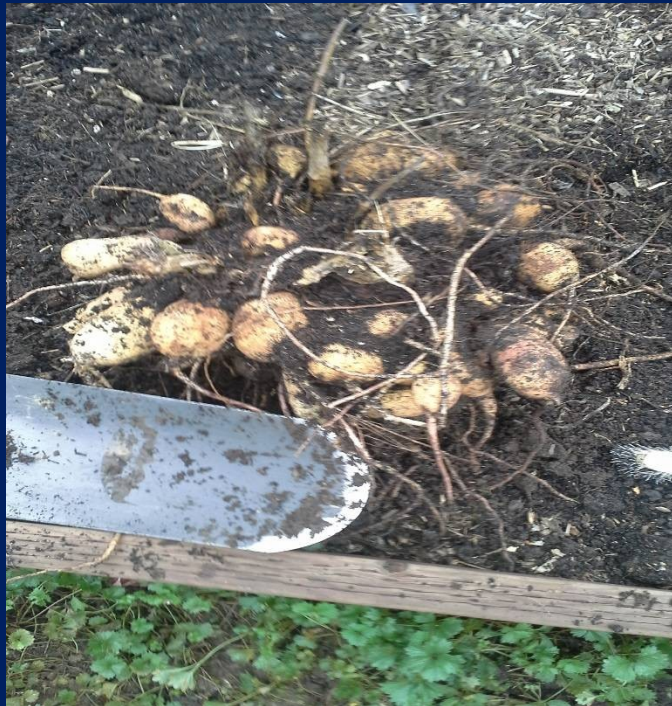








# DIVIDING CLUMPS



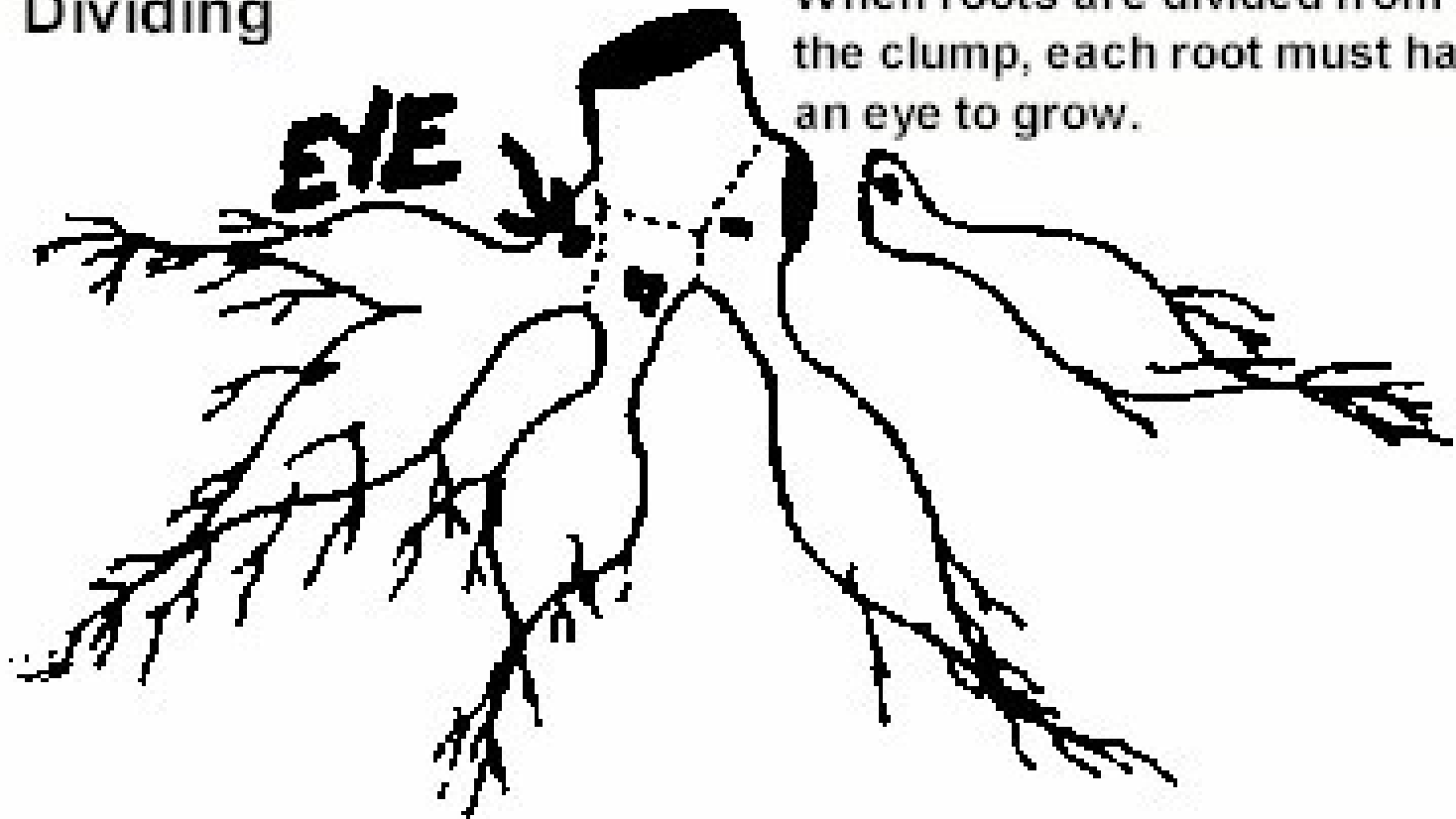
REMOVE ALL  
SOIL BY  
WASHING  
WITH WATER  
OR BRUSHING  
OFF.  
NOW YOU  
CAN SEE  
WHERE TO  
BEGIN.





## Dividing

When roots are divided from the clump, each root must have an eye to grow.





# MOTHER TUBER



**REMOVE THE  
'MOTHER TUBER'.**

**THIS IS THE TUBER  
FROM THIS YEAR'S  
GROWTH. IT HAS  
EXPENDED ALL ITS  
ENERGY. DISCARD  
TO COMPOST.**





# REMOVE DAMAGED/THIN



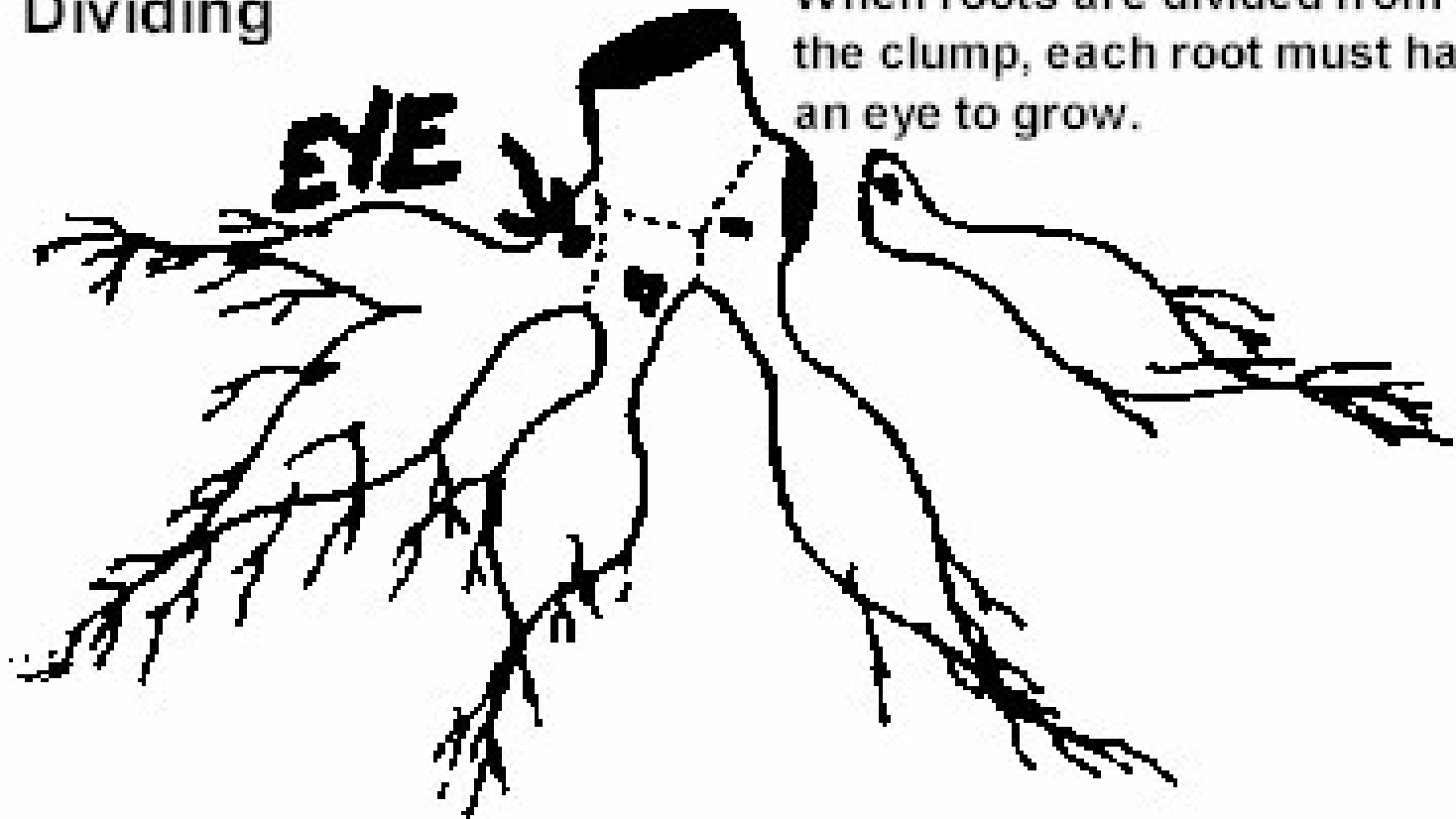
**DAMAGED/SOFT**

**THIN/NARROW NECKED  
TUBERS**



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# EYE LIKE A POTATO







# REMOVE TUBER FROM CLUMP ALLOW CUTS TO DRY











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