Fall is the time to plant flower bulbs! They can be purchased from local nurseries, hardware stores, and online catalogs. If you have the room in your landscape, plant them in large groups of around 25 for impressive flower shows. Multiple small clumps of 7-9 bulbs each can also achieve a nice look if you don't have room for large groupings. Add compost to the soil to improve soil quality. Dig one large hole at the necessary depth instead of individual holes for each bulb, and place the bulbs in the hole at the recommended spacing. Then simply cover them up and water them in. Here's a look at some of the flower bulb possibilities:
These beauties come in various shades of pinks, purples, whites, yellows, and other pastels. They bloom early in the spring and can be mixed with other spring-blooming plants. The flowers smell amazing, so plant them in an area where you will be sure to walk by and catch the aroma. They need full sun to part shade and should be planted 4-6 inches deep and apart. Wear gloves while handling the bulbs because they can cause a rash. They also tend to be unappetizing to deer and rodents.

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**Fall Flowering Crocuses**
Typical crocuses bloom early in the spring, but these ones flower in the fall. They come in purples and whites and make a great addition to the autumn color palette! The leaves emerge in the spring, then die back, so when the flowers emerge in the fall there are no leaves. They grow in full or part sun. They should be planted 3-4 inches down and 2-3 inches apart.

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**Daffodils**
Here's a bulb that is truly deer resistant! If deer are an issue where you live, plant daffodils instead of tulips. The cheery yellows and whites mixed with oranges, pinks, and salmons allow for a lot of variation in such a simple flower. Stretch the blooming season by intermingling early, mid, and late varieties. Plant them 3-6" deep, and space them 4-5” apart. They do best in full sun.

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**Alliums**
Although not edible, these bulbs are related to onions. They range in size from 5" to 4' tall, depending on the variety. They come in purples, pinks, whites, and yellows that bloom in late spring to early summer. The whimsical flower balls add a unique element to any flower bed. They do best in full sun. Planting depth and spacing varies, but is in the range of 3-6".

Wild Tulips
Not as tall or as big as hybrid tulips, wild tulip species can still be very showy and are more likely to keep looking good year after year. These come in many colors including reds, purples, whites, yellows, and combinations of multiple colors. They do best in full sun and need to be planted about 4” deep.

**Landscaping Tip:**

Keep Trees out of the Lawn
Planting trees in the lawn is a common practice but is not recommended for the following reasons:

1. Lawn should always be functional and useable; trees that are located in a lawn break up the space and make the lawn less useable.

2. A tree in the lawn creates an extra edge to maintain, and the tree is likely to be damaged from a lawn mower and/or a string trimmer.
3. As trees mature, they can block sprinkler heads, which can be damaging to the tree and will impede water from getting to parts of the lawn.

4. Trees compete with lawn for water and nutrients.

5. Trees need much deeper and less frequent irrigation than lawn and will develop shallow roots when water is always at the surface. Shallow roots make a tree more susceptible to blowing over during a windstorm, as recently happened in parts of northern Utah.

Planting trees in planter beds instead of the lawn and watering them with drip irrigation will allow you to avoid all of the above-mentioned concerns. Existing trees currently in the lawn do not need to be removed, but if feasible, the lawn could potentially be removed from around the trees.
Plant Highlight

Hummingbird Flower

Zauschneria latifolia

Here’s a low-water native with glowing orange-red flowers that bloom from mid-summer through fall. Its flowers are the perfect shape and size for little hummingbird beaks, so be prepared to regularly hear the humming of wings.
Time to Plant Flower Bulbs!

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Plant Type: Perennial
Mature Size: 18" T x 24" W
Light Requirements: Full Sun
Hardiness Zones: 5-9

Sprinkler Shut-Down
Recommended for mid-October
Winterizing Instructions

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