

# Intoxicating Paperwhites

Easy to follow instruction for using Alcohol to keep Paperwhite Plants short and compact!



Ethanol Alcohol, the alcohol found in most “hard liquors” (i.e. Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila) is an excellent growth regulator to keep Paperwhite Plants short and compact during indoor forcing.

A 4-5% solution of Ethanol will do the trick — here’s how:

- ◆ Plant Paperwhite Bulbs in stones, rock, gravel, marble or glass beads as usual.
- ◆ Water in as you normally would for 7-10 days.
- ◆ When you observe roots and 5-6” of green shoots, replace the water with alcohol solution.
- ◆ Making the solution:
  - ◆ Make from just about any Distilled Spirit (40% or 80 Proof).
  - ◆ 1 part Alcohol to 9 parts water = 4% Solution
  - ◆ 1 part Alcohol to 7 parts water = 5% Solution
- ◆ Use this solution for further “watering” of the paperwhites.
- ◆ The result is plants that are about 1/3 more compact, with flowers just as large, long lasting and fragrant as usual.