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plastic bag and seal. Chill in temperature between 32 and 45 degrees — a refrigerator is fine.

When you see top growth, remove plastic and set in a cool spot for a couple of days then in regular house temperature in a place with as much light as possible. Don't let soil dry out. Blossoms should appear in two to four weeks.

Festival

Brickscape Gardens, 21141 Old Novi Road, Northville, is celebrating bulb season with a Holland Bulb Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 7-8.

A European fairgrounds organ will entertain with Dutch and German tunes. "Clompen" dancers will perform, and Joe Vandervlugt will share bulb information as will professional gardener Barbara Reichard. For information, call (810) 348-2500.

TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

■ Plant a new shade tree or flowering shrub.

■ Give evergreens and shrubs a long drink if it hasn't rained.

■ Plant at least a dozen bulbs of the same variety for a dose of "wow" in the spring.

■ Fertilize the lawn. A slow-release kind of fertilizer is excellent with a formula of 6-12-24.

■ Start a compost pile with shredded leaves and garden debris — no diseased plants, though.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

Organ-ized



In tune: This rare, restored Wilhelm Bruder Sons European show band organ will pump out Dutch, German and American tunes at Brickscape Gardens' Holland Bulb Festival Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 7-8, on Old Novi Road just north of Eight Mile and east of Novi Road. The festival runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and includes talks and demonstrations on bulbs and planting. Dancing by the Holland Dutch Dancers in costume will take place Saturday. For more information, call Brickscape Gardens at (810) 348-2500. The 17-foot long organ, built in Bavaria about 1920, has 205 pipes, a snare drum, a bass drum and a cymbal.

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