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Gladiolus

- Step 1- **After danger of frost, plant new gladiolus seeds, at around 10mm deep and spaced 5 to 10cm apart.**
- Step 2- **Work in mulch to loosen and aerate soil or add your favorite fresh garden soil. The ideal PH is 6.5-6.8**
- Step 3 - **Water once and let the spring rains do the rest. If dry conditions prevail water occasionally along with the rest of the garden.**
- Step 4 - **When foliage appears in late spring or early summer water regularly.**
- Step 5 - **Weed around shorter Gladiolus so they are not shaded by other plants. Mulch all varieties to maintain moisture and to conserve water.**
- Step 6 - **Stake Grandiflora type Gladiolus if they are not otherwise supported.**
- Step 7 - **Enjoy the bloom. Snap off spent blossoms to keep tidy and continue watering.**
- Step 8 - **Allow to die back naturally. The stalks will remain green and pretty throughout the summer. The leaves and seed pods when dried upside down make great additions to dried fall arrangements.**
- Step 9 - **At summer's end, trim back to about 4 inches to allow nutrients back into the bulbs. In the colder zones lift and store bulbs during your fall clean up. In more temperate climates leave in the ground and mulch over the resting bulbs.**

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