

Growing GUIDE



REBLOOMING BEARDED IRIS



**PLANTING
DEPTH**
1/2 - 1"



**WATER
QUANTITY**
Moderate to Low



**SUN
QUANTITY**
Full to Partial Sun



**PLANTING
PROXIMITY**
8-12" Apart



**BLOOM
SEASON**
Spring to Fall



**HARDINESS
ZONES**
Zones 5-10

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Named after the goddess of rainbows, Irises are among the most popular and vibrant garden perennials in the world. They bloom in a full spectrum of magical colors and fascinating forms, making these versatile showstoppers a prize choice in gardens. Not only do Bearded Irises flaunt extravagant flowers on stately plants from spring to fall, but they're also rugged, reliable, deer-resistant, and incredibly easy to grow. Learn how to plant and grow these beauties for a display that's simply Iris-istible!



SUCCESS TIPS

- Irises attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators and make fantastic cut flowers.
- Irises pair beautifully with Roses, Peonies, and Lilies.
- Foliage will begin to form in the autumn. In warmer climates, a few varieties may even bloom again in the winter. For most areas, spring will bring a flush of new foliage and flowers.



WHERE TO PLANT

Find a location where your Iris will receive full sun. In warmer climates, a bit of afternoon shade is fine.

For outdoor planting, choose a spot with well-draining soil. If you notice water puddles 5–6 hours after a hard rain, scout out another site or amend the soil with organic material such as compost, ground bark, or decomposed manure.

For container planting, keep in mind that Bearded Irises grow into large, perennial plants with rhizomes that expand into an extensive network over time. Choose a pot, barrel, tub, or urn that's at least 2 gallons with drainage holes.

WHEN TO PLANT

Plant Irises in late summer or early fall, when the night-time temperatures are between 40 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. This will give the roots time to get established before winter.

In warmer regions, you can plant Bearded Irises between late October and early November. Rhizomes may bloom lightly or not at all their first season, but they will catch up and start flowering regularly in subsequent years.

HOW TO PLANT

- Water your Bearded Irises regularly once the foliage starts to develop until about six weeks after the flowers have faded. This moisture will increase clump development and bud production for the next blooming period. While it's important to be mindful not to overwater, they appreciate consistent and deep watering during summer droughts.
- Apply a balanced fertilizer in early spring and after the first round of flowering to encourage an abundance of blooms. Be careful: high-nitrogen fertilizer will encourage rhizome rot.
- Cut a few blooms for beautiful, often lightly fragrant bouquets. While Irises don't make exceptionally long-lasting cut flowers, the colors and details are outstanding when appreciated up close.
- Remove the spent flower stems after blooming has finished for the season, but leave the foliage in place. The sword-like leaves will gather sunlight, photosynthesize, and provide nourishment for next season's show. The foliage will also give your garden striking vertical interest.
- Trim the foliage back to about 6" above the rhizome following the first hard frost, removing any leaves that appear spotted or yellowed



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