

BEARDED IRIS

SOIL

Average , well-drained

LIGHT

Full sun or light shade in the hottest inland areas

PLANTING

Plant Iris rhizomes August through October. Space plant 1-2' apart. Plant rhizome just below the soil surface. (See diagram). Planting too deeply may cause rhizomes to rot. Spread roots out well.

WATER

Water sparingly until new growth starts. Then water regularly until rains begin in the fall. If weather becomes hot, shade new plants to protect from sun scald. Established mature plants require little summer watering.

FERTILIZER

Feed plants with a slow-release fertilizer such as bone meal or Bulb Booster at time of planting and then again after bloom.

MAINTENANCE

Divide clumps about every 3-4 years in late August through October. Break apart rhizomes. Save large rhizomes. Trim leaves and roots to about 6 inches, Let ends heal for several hours before replanting.

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