

Amazing Iris Garden

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A Year for a Bearded Iris.

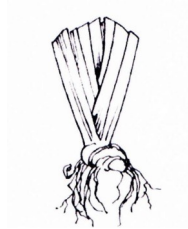
December, February to May – Time for Planting

Obtained your Iris from;

- Commercial garden, trimmed and divided already
- Existing garden, needing to be divided and trimmed

Planting & Location:

- Full sun, for 5-6hrs per day.
- Open to breeze if in a sheltered garden.
- Likes frosts & dislikes humidity.
- Well drained site.
- Rhizome sitting on top of ground.
- Firm the soil around the plant to avoid wind rock.
- Water for 1st 2weeks otherwise no need to water.



Your Iris will look like this when you receive it.

Plant Irises 30-50cm apart, allowing for growth and reproduction
Separate every 2-3 Years, break rhizomes apart and plant individually,
the largest outside rhizomes.

The iris "roots" should be totally covered to avoid any dehydration.
Water plants for the first two weeks to allow their new roots to start.
(Existing roots will die away.)



Plant sits on small mound then,
Cover roots completely with soil.



A hoop used for
holding down irises.

February – Time to plant

- Division of irises can take place.
- Irises arrive from your commercial grower.

March/April – Time to plant and fertilize

- Superphosphate for root development & leaf structure.
- Potash for blooms.

May/June – Lime Time & Rest time

- Plants go into dormancy or rest mode.
- Clean dead leaves & debris away.
- Apply lime or Dolomite.

July – Spray Time

- Spray with copper for leaf diseases.
- Taratek “ anti fungicide”to avoid any brown spotting of leaves later in season.
- Keystrepto to stop rotting during the wet season.

August – Protect from aphids

- Spray with Sheild for aphids.
- If wish can do another superphosphate dressing.
- August plants start to grow.
- Monitor leaves for any fungal signs & spray.

September/October – Start of bloom

- Dwarf & Intermediates bloom

October/November – Tall Irises Bloom

- Multiplication of rhizomes starts.
- Plants decide to make blooms for next season.
- Hybridising takes place.

November/December – Setting of Seeds

- Ensure seed pods are labelled.
- Make sure all beds are free of dead leaves etc.
- Early division can take place.
- Snap of any old stalks – backwards.

January – Long dry

- Establishment of new rhizomes
- Spray shield for aphids if req.

AILMENTS

Rust – Spray with lime sulphur midwinter, 1part to 35 parts water.

Trim & burn leaves. Also copper at a low rate.

Soft Rot – Trim rotted area away. Dip /cover rhizome in flours of Sulphur.

Allow to dry and replant.

Aphids – Shield spray as per roses

Brown Spot – Use fungicide, and trim back leaves and burn