

# IRIS AT-A-GLANCE

## ABOUT

- Grown as a perennial
- Plant in the fall; Blooms in spring
- Grown from rhizomes or bulbs
- Excellent at attracting pollinators
- Deer and drought resistant

## STATS

- Over 300 different varieties; Most popular is bearded or beardless
- Size and spacing varies by plant
- White, purple, burgundy, blue, red, pink, yellow, cream, orange, and even black bloom colors

## REQUIREMENTS

- Require full sun of 6-8 hours min.
- Well-draining soil; Amend soil with compost if needed
- Plant when temperatures are around 40-50° F

## PLANTING BULBS

- Loosen soil about 12" deep
- Amend soil with few inches compost
- Place bulbs in soil with pointy end up; Leave 3-4" above bulb tip
- Backfill, lightly tamp down, and water well

## PLANTING RHIZOMES

- Loosen soil about 12" deep
- Amend soil with few inches compost
- Create small hill in soil and place bare-root rhizome horizontally on hill with roots fanning out and down
- Backfill, lightly tamp down and water well



## MAINTENANCE

- Keep soil moist until roots have established
- Water deeply during growing season but avoid standing water
- Don't use mulch; Causes root rot
- Cut back flower stems to ground but leave foliage; Once yellowing and dying, can then remove
- Cut back to 4-5" before winter

## ISSUES

- Aphids, iris borers, nematodes, slug, snails, or thrips
- Mold, bacterial soft rot, & leaf spot
- Rodents digging up roots

## MISC

- May not bloom the first year
- Need to be divided every 3-5 years



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