Iris

Iris are one of the best known perennials and among the easiest to grow. They yield an abundant display of blooms in the spring with an amazing array of color combinations. Most Iris bloom from 2-4 weeks. They also make a great cut flower for indoor arrangements. The spike-like foliage lends a stunning contrast to other garden plants. Iris come in a range of heights from 6-36”.

Site Preference: For best flower performance, grow Iris in full sun (at least 8 hours of direct sunlight). Some will grow in partial shade (4-8 hours of direct sunlight) but with fewer blooms. The tuberous roots of German Bearded Iris need the warmth of the sun on them for best growth. If planted too deeply, they have a tendency to rot.

Soil: **German Bearded Iris** does well in most soil conditions. However, **Siberian Iris** prefers moist conditions and will even tolerate occasional wetness.

Watering, Planting, Fertilizing, Winter Care: See instructions found in the *Perennials- General Care* Sheet.

Dividing: The best time to divide Iris is July through September after they are done blooming. Divide every third year to insure vigor. Dig up the clump around the outer spread of the foliage. Divide into two or three sections. Replant each section at the same depth as it was previously growing. Water well using **Root ‘n’ Grow Root Stimulator** for a good burst of root growth and to lessen transplant shock.

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