



## BEARDED IRIS GROWING GUIDE



**Common Name:** BEARDED IRIS

**Botanical Name:** *Iris x germanica* **Family Name:** Iridaceae

**Size Tall:** 1m H x 40cm W

**Size Dwarf:** 40-60cm H **Positioning:** Full Sun

**Flowering:** Late Spring **Planting Width:** 20-30cm

**Planting Depth:** Roots into soil, top of the rhizome just above soil surface

**General Information:** Attractive flat, sword-like foliage and graceful elegant flowers produced en-masse in summer. Quickly develops thick clumps up to 70cm wide in 3–4 years.

**Soil:** Well drained, but not too rich as this can inhibit flowering production.

**Watering:** Drought tolerant plant, will rot if over watered. In most areas, natural rainfall should be enough.

**Fertilising:** None really required, but a light application of low nitrogen fertiliser can be applied in autumn and spring.

**Pruning:** Remove spent flowers. Remove old leaves in autumn to allow the sunshine to help dry out the soil while not flowering. Likes cool to cold winters, lime.

**Dislikes** strong winds and frosts.

**Pests:** Insects can attack, control with insecticide as required. The rhizome will rot if buried too deep, over-watered or mulched too close.

✓ **Ideal for** tall accents in the garden bed.