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What type of soil is best? Glads like well drained, sandy, organic soils.

What kind of light do they require? They grow in full sun. Bloom should occur approximately 80 days after planting.

How much water do they need? Water regularly during growth and bloom.

How should they be fertilized? Use blub food when planting; apply low nitrogen one month after planting and again when spikes form.

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