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When do they bloom? Iris bloom mid to late May.

What are the planting requirements? Iris prefer a full sun location with well draining soil.

How hardy are these plants? Iris are winter hardy in our part of Ohio.

How close together can they be planted? Iris are best planted 12” to 18” apart, with the rhizome just under the surface of the soil. Rhizomes should be divided every 3 years. Late July, early August is the best time to make divisions.

How much water do they need? Ample water is necessary for proper growth.

How should they be fertilized? Use a 5-10-10 fertilizer in early spring and again in early summer following bloom.

What winter care to they need? Remove dead foliage to prevent Iris Borer from wintering over in the debris.

What are Iris Borers? Iris borers are tiny caterpillars that eat their way down the length of the iris foliage until they get to the rhizome itself. Leaves develop yellow streaks—a good way to detect their presence. A systemic insecticide is recommended. Damaged rhizomes should be discarded.



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