



Planting and Care Instructions Iris Germanica for Pot Culture

Information to help you be more successful with our Iris Germanica (Bearded Iris)

Upon arrival

Open all cartons/crates immediately after arrival, as the plants need fresh air. Always check plants directly after arrival and take notes of possible problems. If there are any problems, be sure to contact your sales representative immediately. Plants should be planted as soon as possible after arrival. Growers should have greenhouse space, pots and planting medium ready. (Check bottom of confirmation for approximate arrival date). If plants cannot be planted immediately they should be stored in a cool location, preferably at a temperature around 35F. Also make sure that you keep the cartons out of the sun and from too much ventilation, plants dry out very quickly.

Do not store the plants in closed boxes, as this will create condensation and might cause the roots to start rotting. If you detect this problem, make sure you take these plants out of the boxes. You cannot store these roots any longer they have to be potted immediately.

General growing info

The best time to plant iris is late summer through early fall. We recommend planting from mid-August until mid-October depending on your location. Those in southern climates can usually push the deadlines and plant into November. Spring planting is discouraged but can be done under abnormal circumstances. Spring planting can often result in lack of bloom for a season or two and slow establishment. For spring production we also offer 24-cell plugs.

Soil

Iris Germanica prefers a pH range about 6.5 to 7. We suggest using any bark-based, well-drained, commercial soil-less mix.

Planting and Maintenance

We advise to use a gallon container. Plant the rhizome just below the soil level



Light Conditions / Watering

Iris Germanica need at least half a day of sun but full sun and well-drained soil are important for vigorous growth and flowering. Do not overwater, as too much moisture in the soil can cause the rhizomes (roots) to rot, but do water deeply during summer drought. Consistent watering is especially important for re-blooming Irises.

Fertilization and growth control:

Fertilize in early spring with an all-purpose fertilizer, avoiding direct contact with the rhizome.

Temperature:

Iris Germanica can be grown in zone 3-9.

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Claims or Comments

If you run into anything that is not acceptable to you as a grower, we need to know. Please call your sales representative and explain in detail where you have experienced the problems. We will do anything we can to help you and make our organization better in the future. We do our best to ship viable, healthy plants, but we understand that problems do occur. If you feel there is a problem, please write within 10 working days of receipt of your order so we may render any possible assistance. In all cases **we need pictures** of the individual plants, the complete shipment, roots etc. If your shipment has been damaged or shorted, note this on the delivery documents and file a claim with the carrier right away. Also please notify us of any delays. All claims, damages, spoilage and shortages must be reported to us in a written note or letter stating the problem **within 10 working days**.

Claims received after this period or claims that are not supported by pictures will be respectfully declined.

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