



DUTCH IRIS GROWING GUIDE



Common Name: DUTCH IRIS

Botanical Name: *Iris x hollandica*

Plant Type: Bulb **Size:** 50-70cm H x 10cm W

Planting Time: Autumn **Planting Width:** 10cm **Depth:** 10cm

Flowering: Spring **Positioning:** Full sun with some protection from wind.

General Information: Suitable to all climates except tropical. Grows best in cool to cold climates but does tolerate warmer areas.

Watering: Water well after planting but don't water again until foliage emerges. Give thorough weekly watering during growth and flowering, but once it starts to die down stop watering.

Fertilising: If the soil has been well prepared fertilising isn't necessary. If soil is of poor quality blood and bone can be applied after leaves begin to emerge.

Soil: Well drained soil.

Lifting & Storage: Bulbs may be left undisturbed for years. If lifting bulbs do so once the foliage has died down completely and store in a warm and airy position.

Pests: Watch for aphids and spray with insecticide if necessary.

Tips: Dutch Iris rot easily if over watered or if soil is poorly drained.