



IRIS

Plant in a sunny location. Iris like a well worked soil to a depth of 25 cm (10 in). Heavy soils should be avoided. Plant 20 cm (8 in) to 60 cm (2 ft) apart. Closer plantings are for immediate effect and will need thinning sooner. Place the rhizomes just below the surface of the ground with the roots well spread out underneath. Firm the soil tightly around each rhizome. Cultivate shallowly as iris roots are very close to the surface. As the iris grows the outside leaves will tend to brown, remove these as often as required. Bloom stems should be cut back level to the ground, once they have finished blooming.

GENERAL TIPS FOR PERENNIALS

"DO NOT" soak perennial roots before planting!

Separate cedar packing material from roots and discard, it should not go into planting hole.

If you receive your perennials before you are ready to plant, store in refrigerator or a cool spot at approx. 1 C (34 F) until you can plant. Or pot them up right away and transplant into garden once ground is ready.

Soil should be well worked and free of weeds.

When planting, the crown should be set 1 cm (1/2 in) deep and well watered. Seedling plugs (plastic pots), should be transplanted covering plants with 1 cm (1/2 in) of soil also.

T & T Rose & Strawberry fertilizer (10-52-17) and Bone Meal are ideal for perennials.

Cover perennials with straw or leaves for extra winter protection.

As most perennial gardens are planted randomly, spacing is not rigid, but when unsure of distance between plants space them by looking at the height of that particular plant and habit. Usually you are looking at spacing plants at least 30 cm (12 in) apart for shorter plants to 90 cm (3 ft) apart for the taller.