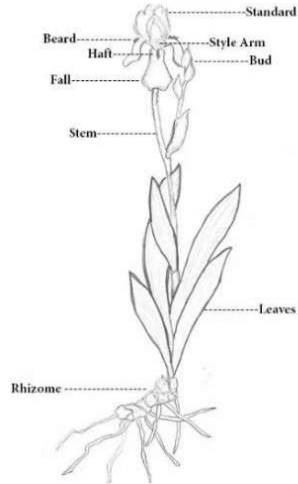


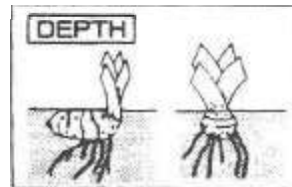
Where do I start?

1. Check your order over.
2. Plant your order within the first week of receiving them.
3. Water the newly planted iris gently. The iris need water to establish their root system. Refer to the water section under "How should I care for my iris after planting?"



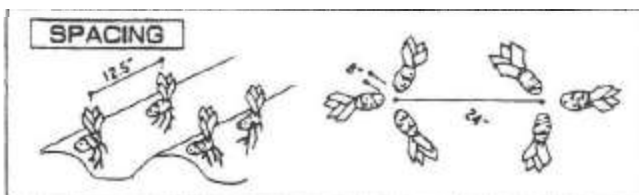
How should I plant my iris?

- When planting iris, the top of the rhizome should be right at the surface of the soil in warm winter areas and about an inch under the soil in cold winter areas.
- There should be no pockets of air under the rhizome when you plant. Pack dirt tightly around the roots.
- After planting, give new transplants a good watering for moist (but not soggy) soil.



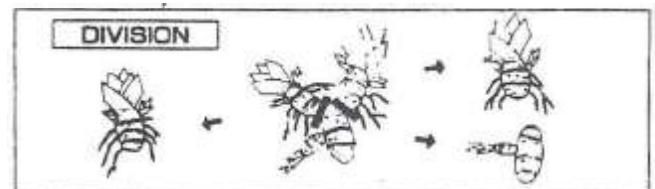
Where should I place my iris?

- **Sunlight:** Iris need at least 6-7 hours of direct sunlight daily.
 - Plant iris in a sunny location that does not receive heavy shade.
- **Soil:** Iris require a neutral soil (7.0pH) or as close to neutral as possible.
 - The soil must have good drainage and water should never stand around the base of the plant.
 - Fresh manures should never be used in your iris soil.
- **Spacing:** Iris should be spaced 12 inches apart for individual rhizomes and 24 inches for groups of rhizomes that are the same variety.

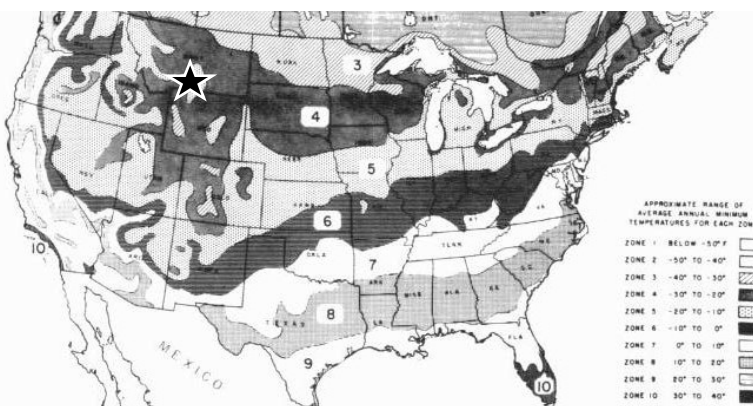


How should I care for my iris after planting?

- **Water:** Directly after planting iris should be consistently moist but never soggy.
 - Keep iris moist until winter rains begin and plants are more established.
 - In the summer, iris do not need much water and soil should dry out to a depth of one or two inches between watering.
 - Rule of thumb: It's always better to under water than over water.
- **Fertilizer:** Iris should be fertilized twice a year (in April and after bloom).
 - Use a low nitrogen fertilizer (10-10-10 combination).
- **Dividing:** Iris should be divided every 3-5 years.
 - Dig iris clump, cut back leaves (6-7 inches), and use a knife to cut off older rhizomes (save only the smaller outside rhizomes).
 - Soak smaller rhizomes in 10-1 water bleach solution for 1 hour before replanting.



Where do my iris come from?



Our iris come from Billings, Montana which is in growing zone 4. This means our rhizomes are hardy from the cold winters. Our iris have a shorter growing season than other areas of the United States resulting in smaller variable blooming sized rhizomes compared to growing zones 5-10.