



# IRIS CARE & TRANSPLANTING GUIDE

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## Quick Overview

- Bloom time: Late spring to early summer
  - Sun: Full sun (6+ hours)
  - Soil: Well-drained
  - Divide: Every 3–5 years
  - Best transplant time: Mid–late summer
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## PART 1: IDENTIFYING WHEN TO DIVIDE

Divide your irises if:

- Blooming has decreased
  - Clumps are overcrowded
  - Centers are dying out (ring formation)
  - Plants are 3–5 years old
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## PART 2: WHEN TO TRANSPLANT

### **Ideal timing:**

→ 6–8 weeks after flowering

→ Typically July–August

This gives roots time to establish before winter.

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# **PART 3: STEP-BY-STEP TRANSPLANTING**

## **1. Lift the Clump**

- Use a fork or spade
- Lift the entire plant carefully

## **2. Clean the Rhizomes**

- Shake or wash off soil
- Inspect for damage or rot

## **3. Divide**

- Cut into sections (3–4 inches long)
- Each piece must have:
  - A healthy rhizome
  - A fan of leaves
  - Roots

Discard:

- Old center pieces
  - Soft or diseased sections
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## **4. Trim Foliage**

- Cut leaves into a fan shape
- Reduce to about 6 inches

(This reduces stress and water loss)

## 5. Replant Properly

- Create a small mound of soil
- Place rhizome on top
- Spread roots downward
- Cover roots, but leave the **top exposed**

Spacing:

- 12–24 inches apart
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## 6. Water In

- Water thoroughly once planted
  - Keep lightly moist for a few weeks
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## PART 4: AFTERCARE

- Remove spent flower stalks
  - Leave green leaves until fall
  - Cut back in late season
  - Watch for iris borers and rot
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## PART 5: SUCCESS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Full sun
  - ✓ Good drainage
  - ✓ Rhizome exposed
  - ✓ Divided every few years
  - ✓ Not overwatered
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## FINAL NOTE

A single iris clump can become an entire garden over time.

Divide them well, and you'll never need to buy another one.