



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

MING TREASURE IRIS CARE

LIGHT

Ming Treasure iris (*Iris ampliflora*) grows in full sun to partial shade. Allow generous space: mature plants can reach roughly 4 feet tall and 4 to 4 1/2 feet wide. Avoid crowding smaller perennials beneath its broad, vigorous clump.

WATER

Provide consistent, moderate moisture during active growth. Water new plants deeply and check the root zone during dry spells. Allow excess water to drain freely. Avoid prolonged saturation, particularly in fall and winter, when wet soil can damage rhizomes.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained, acidic to neutral garden soil. The breeder recommends leaving the top 25 to 50 percent of each rhizome above the soil surface. Keep mulch and added compost off exposed rhizomes. A raised bed can help where soil drains poorly.

FEEDING

In average garden soil, feed lightly if needed as growth begins. Follow fertilizer rates and avoid heavy nitrogen applications. Do not bury the crown under rich amendments. A soil test is useful when growth is weak despite adequate light and moisture.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove spent bloom stalks and damaged leaves while retaining healthy foliage. Divide only when needed to control size or renew an aging clump. Replant healthy sections at the proper shallow depth and water them in. Keep the crown clear of soggy winter debris.

HELPFUL TIPS

Winter hardiness is a special concern: the breeder lists zones 6b through 9. Confirm your site is suitable before expecting outdoor survival in Maine. Colder sites may require protected container overwintering or seasonal use. This is not a standard cold-hardy bearded iris. Do not eat any part.