

How to Divide

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1. Dig the entire clump gently out of the ground with a spading fork or shovel.



2. Wash soil from the roots. Trim the healthy leaves into fan shapes about 6 inches in overall length. Remove poor leaves and old bloomstalks. Don't compost diseased materials - destroy! Write the name of the iris close to the rhizome, on the middle leaf with a sharpie



3. Cut off the outer rhizomes. Discard the old center portion without leaves. Cut off any signs of rot & wash rhizomes with a 10% bleach water solution. Dry in the sunshine for a few hours, turning them over a couple of time.



4. Plant each division as shown, with the top of the rhizome at soil level. The foot likes to have sunshine on its top. Do not bury completely. Plant them about two feet apart then fill in and firm the soil.