

Thank you for ordering from **Primrose Hall Peonies**
- we hope you are very happy with your peony plant - it will be a premium purchase for life!

We are a friendly, family run, nursery based in rural Bedfordshire. We are RHS gold award-winning specialists in Paeonia plants and are passionate about them! We love hearing from our customers, so please do get in touch via our website at www.primrosehallpeonies.co.uk.

If there's a problem, or you are unhappy with your plant, please contact us using the contact form on our website. If contacted within 3 days of receipt, we are happy to refund or replace the plant.

PEONY CARE INFORMATION

- ◆ Peonies are very easy to grow and can live for decades.
- ◆ Herbaceous peonies do not require pruning. Tree peonies can be pruned in autumn if desired.
- ◆ They are relatively pest and disease resistant - Including snails, slugs, rabbits & deer!
- ◆ They will tolerate temperatures down to -20C and do not require mulching or any other protection in the winter - In fact they NEED a period of cold.
- ◆ They are also quite drought tolerant, but do need plenty of water in early spring when the buds are forming.
- ◆ Peonies can be grown in containers but will require more regular feeding and watering. They prefer to be in the ground, however, our patio range of plants has been bred specifically for container planting.
- ◆ Peonies can be moved and split, provided this is done in the autumn and that they are not re-planted too deep (see the diagram opposite)
- ◆ Peony wilt is caused by a fungus (*Botrytis Paeoniae*) which causes the plant to turn brown and wilt before the stems die off. Generally this is NOT detrimental to the plant. Infected stems should be removed and burnt, and the plant should recover and continue to grow and flower the following year. Cutting back dead foliage to ground level and disposing of it in autumn can help prevent this, as well as ensuring good air-flow around the plant, taking care not to overcrowd it.

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CARE FOR HERBACEOUS OR INTERSECTIONAL PEONIES

PLANTING

Ensure you plant your peony with the crown no more than 1-2 inches (5cm) below the surface, or it will not flower. It's also important not to spread mulch over the crown as this will bury it. Your peony will thrive in any soil, as long as it's free-draining. They can do well in clay soils, as long as they aren't water-logged in winter. Intersectional peonies can be grown in containers, making really good large container plants, as do patio peonies. If they are in containers they will need a little more watering & feeding.

POSITION

Plant your peony in full, direct sunlight. Some varieties will be fine in the shade but generally the more sun they have the better. A sheltered spot is best. Intersectional peonies can cope with a more exposed position.

FEEDING

If you have reasonably good soil your peony should not require regular feeding. Feed once in the spring and once in autumn, using our own specially designed 'Professional Peony Fertiliser' for each season, each is specific for the plant's needs in spring and autumn.

CARE

Peonies are very low maintenance plants. In the autumn when your plant dies down, cut it back to the ground, removing all dead foliage. Generally intersectional peonies do not require staking due to their tree peony heritage, providing them with a strong woody stem. Large, double-flowered, lactiflora cultivars may require staking. Our 'Peony Plant Support' is specially designed for this.

GROWTH

Herbaceous peonies will spread to around 3 feet (90cm) in diameter within 3-5 years. They can grow to about 3 feet (90cm) high, but will die-back in winter when they should be cut down to ground level.



CARE FOR TREE PEONIES

PLANTING

Tree peonies are usually grafted and it is best to plant the graft union about 6 inches (15cm) below the surface. Tree peonies do well in all types of well-drained soil, including clay soils, if not water-logged. Over-watering isn't normally an issue, but leaving a peony standing in water for too long is usually fatal to the plant.

POSITION

Plant in full sun, some varieties will be fine in the shade, but they are generally happier in direct sun. Find a sheltered position from the wind.

FEEDING

In good soil you will not need to regularly feed the plant. Feed once in the spring and again in the autumn with our 'Professional Peony Fertiliser' for each season.

CARE

Tree peonies are easy to maintain, they should not require staking and they respond well to pruning. Tidy the plant every now and then, preferably in the autumn.

GROWTH

They can reach a height of 8 feet tall with a diameter of about 6 feet, however, they can be kept smaller, closer to the size of a large shrub, by regular pruning.



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OPEN THE BOX



2

LIFT IT GENTLY OUT



3

GIVE IT A DRINK



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5

FREE IT FROM TAPE

REMOVE SUPPORT



6

PUT IN A SUNNY SPOT

LET IT SETTLE

PLANT IT ...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For MORE info and helpful tips and videos about growing these wonderful plants do check out our website at - primrosehallpeonies.co.uk Or use these QR codes here:



PLANTING



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