

Tips for Success

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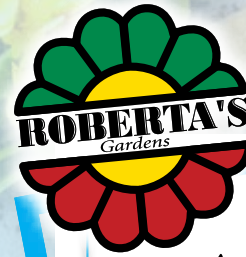
Water: Once you have gotten your roots planted give them a generous watering. Water them regularly throughout the growing season and about twice a week all summer long. Even if there is not adequate precipitation in late summer into fall, give them some water. They like to stay hydrated but not soggy. Once growth occurs in the spring they can handle more precipitation without fear of getting rot.

When to Expect Flowers: If planted in the autumn, you may get flowers the following spring. However, their first year in bloom is not indicative of their potential blooming power. They take 2-3 years to reach their potential, but once they're established, they are known to bloom like clockwork at the same time each year for decades on end.

First Year Maintenance: For perennials, the first year (or sometimes two) will require additional maintenance. During the first season of growth, even if the plant is known to be drought-tolerant, it is very important to water your plants on a regular basis, meaning up to 3-4 times per week. When plants are in their infancy stage, they need to be watered by their caretaker until they've had a chance to build a strong enough root system to subsist on their own. If you are experiencing severe heat, drought like conditions, or your plants appear consistently droopy, you may need to water your plants almost every day.

Lack of Blooms? If your plants are not generating many flowers there are typically two reasons why this may occur. Firstly, if they don't receive enough sunlight that is the first thing to note. Secondly, if they are planted too deeply under the ground, that will also challenge the plant to flower. Generally they will bloom starting the second year.

Itoh Peonies are the ultimate Peony! A cross between a garden & tree peony, they have strong stems that rarely need staking, large fluffy fragrant flowers, and ornate foliage. Easily living for decades, these hardy perennials deserve a special spot in the garden for all to enjoy. One plant can produce up to 50 flowers a season once established. Available bareroots in Bartzella yellow, or Julia Rose



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PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



GENERAL GROWING GUIDE

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Extended Bloom Itoh Peony

Paeonia hybrid 'Itoh'

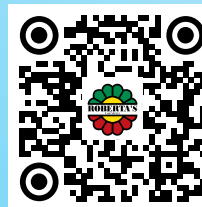
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Perennials



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





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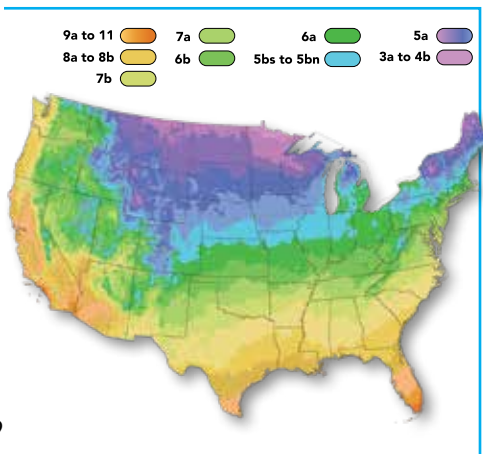
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Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type** Perennial
-  **Light/Sun** Full Sun to Partial Sun
-  **Mature Height** 3'
-  **Mature Spread** 3'
-  **Bloom Time** Early Summer (second season)
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones** 4 to 9



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take roots out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants. Plant as soon as possible, but if storage is required, you may keep them in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Dig a hole about 12" wide and deep enough to easily place the entire root in the hole and cover with 1-2" of soil. Space about 2-3' next to one another in the garden

Potted Plants: Peonies often perform better directly in the garden, however you may plant them in large containers if needed. You may plant one bare root in an 18-24" container.

Soil Preparation: They need a site with soil that is well-draining and will receive about 6 hours of sunlight a day. Amend heavy soils with potting mix and then add a 1-2 inch layer of mulch after planting.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. It is important to make sure young plants do not experience long periods of dryness. However, they also do not like soggy conditions.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting and then once or twice a month all summer long.

Pet Considerations: Ensure your pets do not consume plants. Some plants are toxic to pets. Do your diligence to protect your pet.

Pruning: Cut away spent flower as low as possible down the stem. Leave the foliage in tact in the garden for the summer so that they can absorb the sun's rays. In autumn the foliage will start to yellow. This is the time to cut your peonies back to about 3 inches above the surface of the ground.

Winter Care: They are very winter hardy and should remain in the garden all winter long. Once planted and established, they do not prefer to be transplanted or moved around. Take your time and site these in a location where you can thoroughly enjoy the large flowers in spring and early summer!

Where to Plant: They love a sunny location that drains well. They are fantastic in flower beds, planted in a row, or at a corner where they will be the showpiece.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plastic bag or sleeve from around the bare root and discard any packing materials. If necessary, you may store bare roots in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

Step 2 Peony roots like well-draining soil, so amend any heavy clay soils with potting mix. Dig a hole about 12" wide and deep enough so that you can easily place the entire bare root in the hole and cover with 1-2" of soil. Place the root in the hole so that the buds are pointing up.

Step 3 Allow your plants time to adjust to their new home before re-planting by placing them in a warm shaded spot for 1-2 days. Then they will be ready for re-planting with renewed vigor.

Step 4 Fill in area around the planted root with soil or potting mix. Water in your newly planted root well. During spring, water every 5-7 days, if there is no precipitation, to ensure that roots stay moist, but not soggy. If the conditions are too wet the roots will rot.

Step 5 Add a layer of mulch or compost on top of your planted peony to help retain moisture and keep out weeds

