



PEONY INSTRUCTION SHEET

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General Information:

Hardiness Zone: 3 - 8 (-30 degrees F)

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Soil Requirements: Fertile, well-drained soil

Water Requirements: Average water needs

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate

Planting Bare-Root Peonies

- 1. Amend your soil.** Because peonies are long lived and prefer not to be moved, it is beneficial to amend the soil where you plan to plant with compost. This will ensure proper drainage and provide nutrients as well.
- 2. Dig planting hole twice the width of the root, and twice the depth.** Don't plant close to large trees. Bone meal can be added to the bottom of the hole.
- 3. Place the root into the hole with the eyes at the top.** Locate the top eyes of the root 1" to 2" below the top of the hole and cover with soil. Press soil around root to remove air pockets. Make sure root eyes are not more than 2" below ground or plants may not flower, less than ½" and plants may freeze during the winter.
- 4. Water in root.** Water deeply every 2 to 3 weeks for first two seasons. Peonies do not like wet roots so avoid over-watering.

Peonies can take up to three years to become fully established and may not flower the first year after planting. The second year will have a few more blooms. Cutting more than one third of the plant's foliage and stems may affect the overall vigor and health of the plant.

Maintenance

Peonies are very easy to care for and actually thrive with neglect. They need very little fertilization. At most, top dress around the crown of the peony with compost in the fall.

Peonies don't require pruning but spent flowers may be removed to make the plant more aesthetically pleasing. In the fall, cut stems to two inches above ground.

For more information on peony care,
visit www.bloomfieldgardencenter.com and click on the "Peonies" tab.