

PEONIES

Quick Facts

Common Name: Peony

Scientific Name: Paeonia

Type: Perennial

Sunlight: Full

Water: Every 2 weeks

Soil: Well draining, slightly acidic

Planting Guidelines

Zone: USDA 3-8

Spacing: 2-4 feet

Depth: 2-3 inches



Peonies are one of the most popular garden plants. They make beautiful and fragrant cut flowers for vases. Peonies live for many years and there are rumors of some plants living over 100 years! They bloom every year, even with little maintenance.

It can take up to 3 years for your peony plant to first bloom after planting. Peonies do best if you plant them in the fall, although this may vary depending on where you live as you want to plant them about 6 weeks before your ground freezes for winter. You should plan on dividing any peonies that need it during this same time.

Peonies love the sun and should be planted in full sun if possible. They also need well-draining, slightly acidic soil.

When planting your peony, make sure the root contains at least 3 eyes. If the root has less than 3 eyes, you can still plant it, it just might take longer for it to bloom and the flowers may be smaller than one with more eyes. Make sure to plant your peonies about 2-3 inches deep at the most.

If you want the peony plant to get large, almost like that of a bush you should plant them further apart (3-4 feet), but if you are wanting more of a hedge of peonies than plant them closer together (2-3 feet).

Water your peony plant well after planting. Water every 2 weeks if there isn't any rain.