



Peonies are a very hardy, dependable, long-lived perennial admired for their large showy blooms and sweet fragrance. They come in a wide range of pinks, reds, purples and whites. They require very little care and are practically disease and pest free. The blooms can be enjoyed in the garden or make a wonderful cut flower for indoor arrangements. The sturdy shrub-like stems make a handsome, dark green background for your garden throughout the season.

**Types:** There are three different types of Peonies available: Herbaceous, Tree and Itoh. Herbaceous Peonies are the most popular and most widely available. They have good sized flowers and die down to ground level every year. Tree Peonies have large flowers and very woody stems that do not die back to the ground in winter. They act very much like a shrub and can reach heights of five to six feet tall. Itoh, or Intersectional, Peonies are a cross between a Herbaceous and Tree Peony. They have very large flowers and strong stems like a Tree Peony but they die back almost to ground level every year like a Herbaceous Peony. Since they are a cross between two species they have very unique flower colors that can't be found in Herbaceous or Tree Peonies.

**Site Preference:** For best flower performance, grow Peonies in full sun (at least 8 hours of direct sunlight). You can grow Peonies in partial shade (4-8 hours of direct sunlight) but this will result in fewer blooms. They will thrive in the same location for many years and prefer to remain undisturbed.