

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT / SUN EXPOSURE	Full sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	4 to 9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND	3 to 4 feet apart
CONTAINER SIZE	12 inch pot or larger
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	24 inches wide 24 inches tall
BLOOM TIME	Late Spring through Summer
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	3 to 4 years
FACTS OF NOTE	 <p>Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. All season bloomer. Low maintenance. Comes as bare root. Deer and rabbit resistant.</p>



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In case of ingestion, contact a poison control center immediately. 1-800-222-1222

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MAGICAL PEONY COLLECTION

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OUT OF THE BOX

Your plants have been shipped to you in bare root form. Please remove the plants from the packaging right away and plant them as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant them right away, follow these important steps.

1. Place the plants in a cool, dark place such as a refrigerator, unheated garage or basement.
2. Keep the roots moist by using a spray bottle to mist them.

Note: Occasionally, bare root plants may arrive with a small amount of mold on them. This is caused by temperature changes encountered in shipping and does not harm the plants. As long as the bare root divisions are firm, simply wipe any mold off with a paper towel and plant them.



SHIPPED IN BARE ROOTS. PLANT SIZE MAY VARY BASED ON GROWING CONDITIONS.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Peonies are cold-hardy perennials. They should be planted the first chance you can get a shovel in the ground, regardless of frost or freeze potential. Do not wait for the frost date to plant your peony roots. Plant when tender flowers and vegetables can be planted outside. Plant your peonies as soon as you receive them, if possible. If you cannot plant immediately, you can safely store your peonies in a refrigerator for a short time, yet it is important to plant them as soon as possible.



SOIL PREPARATION

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.nifa.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). A soil test can determine if your soil needs any amendments to enhance the growth and performance of your plants.

Ideal garden soil is easy to dig in and drains well while still holding the nutrients and water vital to plant growth. To prepare a bed for in-ground planting, spade or till the soil to a depth of roughly 12-18 inches. Next, spread a 2-4 inch layer of organic matter such as compost, shredded leaves or peat moss over the soil and mix well.

CONTINUING CARE

WATERING

Adequate and consistent watering is essential during your plant's first year in the garden. Infrequent, long soakings of water that thoroughly saturate the soil are more effective than frequent, light applications of water. Due to variable geographical and environmental conditions, a specific watering schedule is difficult to define.

However, as a rule of thumb, you should not allow the soil or the original root ball to completely dry out. During the first summer, you may need to water as often as every few days in periods of drought and extreme summer heat. To determine if your plant needs water, dig a few inches into the soil next to the plant. If the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface, it is time to water. Over-watering can be as damaging as under-watering. Be sure that the area surrounding your plant has adequate drainage to move water away from the plant. If you choose to plant in a container, always select one with drainage holes to prevent your plant's roots from sitting in water. Once they take root, plants can tolerate drier growing conditions.

MULCHING

Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.

WEEDING

Keep the area around your plants free of weeds. Weeds compete with surrounding plants for food, water and light. Walk around the garden periodically and pull weeds, including the roots, as soon as you see them.

FEEDING

Feed your plants once every 2 weeks during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer.

PRUNING

Remove spent flowers as blooms fade to maintain a tidy appearance and promote continuous flowering. Do not cut the peony back in fall. During winter, the previous season's growth will act as insulation to protect the roots from cold damage. In early spring, cut each plant back to 6 inches or less. New growth will emerge as spring temperatures rise.

WINTERIZING

Watering thoroughly in late fall will greatly enhance your plants cold tolerance once the ground has frozen. The time to winterize your peony is in late fall. Keep in mind that the root system is the most vulnerable to cold damage. Mulch heavily by mounding a 6-8 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic material over the crown of each plant. In cold areas, containerized plants can be brought into an unheated, protected area such as a garage or cellar before temperatures drop below freezing. Check soil moisture every 2-3 weeks and water as needed during winter. In spring, remove mulch from in-ground plantings. Containerized plants should be moved back out into the garden sunlight where they will begin to repeat their yearly garden performance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW TO PLANT

Plant your Peony Paradise in either your garden or pots 12" or larger in a full sun to partly shady area. In your garden, plant them 3'-4' apart in late Fall.

WHERE TO PLANT

The Peony Paradise can be grown in your garden or in a 12" or larger pot placed on your patio and surrounding landscape. The Peony Paradise does well in full sun to part shade.

FAQ

The Peony Paradise is just that! A slice of paradise for your garden or patio. In your choice of either red, pink or white, the peony is symbolic of love, honor, happiness, wealth, romance and beauty. The peony attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and is deer and rabbit resistant. This gem is striking and is a true plant of merit for your garden. You can cut the flowers for your own bouquet or as a gift to a special friend.