

Tips for Success

We Help You Grow: Simply search "Peony Planting with Devin Wallien" to find a video tutorial. Further information and growing tips can be found at RobertasUniqueGardens.com & QVC.com

Water: Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

When to Expect Flowers If planted in the autumn, you can expect your new peonies to begin producing 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 are established, they are known to bloom like clockwork at the same time each year for decades on end.

Staking Garden peonies will often produce huge flowers that can weigh the stems down. You don't need to stake them, but if you find the flowers nodding down, you may elect to stake them to keep them more upright. It's the gardener's choice.

After Bloom Care You may cut off old flowers whenever you like. Keep the foliage and the rest of the plant in tact until you see the foliage start to yellow or wilt the following autumn. At this point cut your plant back to about 3 inches. This will encourage fresh, healthy growth the next spring.

Garden Peony Our Fragrant & Magical Peonies are beloved for their large flowers that are some of the first peonies to bloom and some of the most fragrant peonies in the world. Flowers emerge consistently and reliably each spring and can easily live in your garden for decades. Strong stems make these low maintenance peonies that rarely needs staking. Excellent in the perennial border, specimen plant, or in groups. Long lived, winter hardy, and often deer resistant. Includes Red Magic & Eden's Perfume



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2pc Fragrant & Magical Peony Collection *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Alertie, Inspecteur Lavergne'

We aren't happy if you aren't happy. If you have any questions regarding your order please call us at **1-765-525-4065** during the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm EST.

You can email questions to us at: customerservice@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within one year from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at RobertasUniqueGardens.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Perennials



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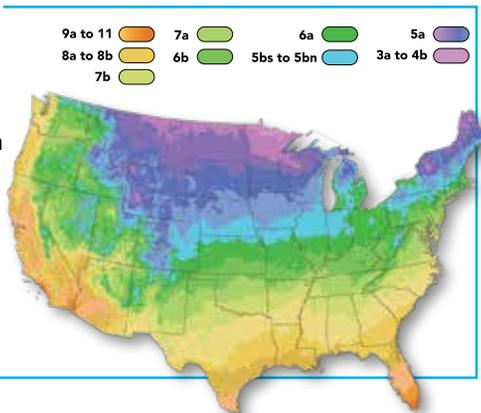
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Quick Reference

-  **Plant Type** Perennial
-  **Light/Sun** Full to Partial Sun
-  **Mature Height** 30-40"
-  **Mature Spread** 30-40"
-  **Bloom Time** early Summer
-  **USDA Hardiness Zones** 3 to 8



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. Typically they can take water every 5 days or so if there is no precipitation. They resent soggy conditions so be sure not to let them sit in water too long.

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.

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.

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.

Flowers Flowers will generally begin to bloom starting the second or sometimes third season. They take some time to get situated in the garden.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plastic bag or sleeve from around the bulbs and discard any packing materials. If necessary, you may store bareroots 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 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 4 Add a layer of mulch or compost on top of your planted peony to help retain moisture and keep out weeds.

