

Planting Guide for Intersectional (Itoh) Peonies:

Site Selection: Choose a sunny or lightly shaded site that is not in competition with large tree roots. Morning sun and light afternoon shade is ideal.

Soil Type and Moisture Requirements: Rich, well-drained, evenly moist *but not soggy*, average to neutral soil. Amend with an annual shovel full of soil-based compost. Overwatering is the most common cause of failure to thrive.

Planting Depth: Plant the crown 1.5 to 2 inches below soil level. If the eyes have some growth, they may stick up above the soil a tiny bit after planting the crown below soil level.

Transplanting

Spring planting: If you can't plant right away, pot up your bare-root Itoh in a roomy container with drain holes, and place it in a protected, partly sunny spot until you're ready to plant. Otherwise, plant immediately into its permanent location.

Fall planting: Plant as soon as possible into its permanent location. To prevent roots from heaving, cover loosely with a thin layer of straw or a fir bough. Pull back mulch in spring.

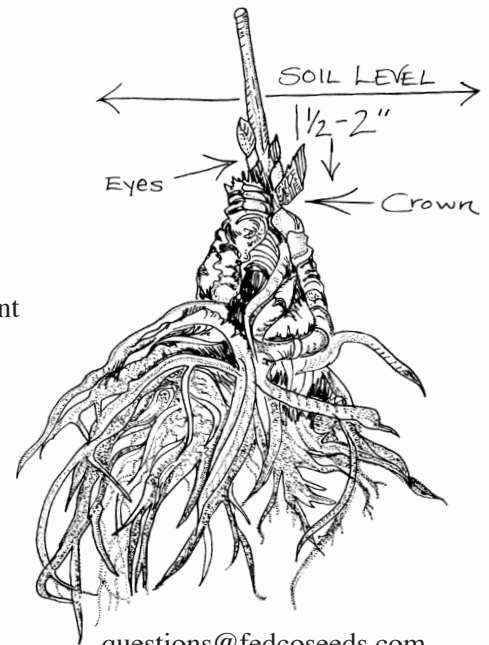
Flowering: In the first few years, Itoh peonies spend their energy getting established and may not flower. Generally flowers around the third year. Initial blossoms will be small, but as the plant matures, blossoms will get bigger.

Staking: The strong stems of Itohs rarely need staking.

Fall plant care: Cut back all foliage. Some growers like to leave a few inches of woody stems above ground, as they may form buds the following season like tree peonies do. Other growers cut their Itohs to the ground just like they would garden peonies. Find what works best for you and your Itoh.



Correct Planting Depth



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