



Planting Instructions for Intersectional Peonies:

Initial Planting: Plant bareroot crowns in a 12" deep x 12" diameter pot with large drain holes at the base. Add one or two shovels full of average garden soil amended with two cups of **soil-based compost**. Avoid peat-based compost. It is acceptable for use in shipping and temporary storage but for long term growth Peonies generally don't like it.

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

Continue to grow the plants on in the pot through the month of June in a site with morning sun and light afternoon shade. Do not overwater!

Transplanting: Transplant into a permanent site between early July and early September. See instructions below.

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

Soil Type and Moisture Requirements:

Rich, well-drained, moist but not soggy, average to neutral soil. Amend with an annual shovel full of soil-based compost.

Flowering: In the first year Itoh Peonies spend their energy getting established and will not flower. Expect flowers around the third year. This is not a promise! Initial blossoms will be small, but as the plant matures blossoms will grow in size. Be patient!

Fall plant care: Cut down and remove the dead foliage to 8" above soil level. Do not cut plants all the way back to the ground in the fall since the lower part of the stem often carries next year's buds!

