



How to Grow Paeonia

Position – Full sun and part shade

Soil – Moist but well-drained

Flowering Period – Spring and summer

Hardiness – Fully hardy to tender (dependant on variety)

About Paeonia

Paeonia are herbaceous perennials or deciduous sub-shrubs that display large showy leaves and impressive bowl-shaped flowers that grow profusely throughout spring and summer. They are best suited to flower beds and borders or used as under planting for roses and shrubs within an informal garden setting. You should expect to see Paeonia grow to an approximate height and spread of 1.5m (5').

How to plant Paeonia

Paeonia are best planted in moist, well-drained soil of clay, loam, chalk and sand within an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH level. The eyes of the Paeonia roots should be no more than 3-5cm (1-2") below the surface of the soil. At the time of planting, it is advisable for you to amend your soil with organic matter, enriching with compost if your soil is heavy or sandy. Paeonia prefer a position of full sun but will tolerate part shade if necessary.

How to care for Paeonia

Paeonia often take time to develop so do not fear if you do not see anything substantial in terms of flowering within their first year. During early spring, water your plants thoroughly and apply a layer of compost. Set stakes in place to act as a support for your Paeonia as they develop. You may wish to deadhead spent flowers during late spring and remove any foliage that starts to fade – cut back Paeonia during autumn. During the summer make sure you keep the soil moist and water regularly especially in periods of drought.

How to propagate Paeonia

It is possible to propagate Paeonia by division during the autumn or early spring.