

**THE BOTANIC NURSERY ATWORTH
WILTSHIRE SN12 8NU**



The intersectional Peony

The Peony we offer differ from the more well-known and much loved herbaceous sorts. Well worth a journey to see them in flower end May into June.

Intersectional Peonies are the Royalty of garden plants, they are the result of a cross between the beautiful Tree Peony and the hardy herbaceous free flowering lactiflora Peonies. They are the perfect cross very free flowering, attaining only around 80cm in height and are very long lived plants and will increase their flowering capacity year after year. Like most of the Peony family don't let the crown of the plant become hidden by mulch or compost. These Peonies like an open sunny site, they are not overly fussy about soils so long as it is not wet or permanently boggy.

Dig an adequate hole to accommodate the root ball, fork over the bottom, plant at the same level as they are in the pot. Plants purchased from us in airpots will not require any additional fertiliser or manure when planting, in subsequent years' blood fish and bone fertiliser, or as you prefer, can be applied in early spring and a light mulch of well-rotted compost can be applied around the crown not over it. If you are planting several plants in one area, then allow 1 metre distance between the plants. If you have plants in your garden now that you have not attended to for a while, they will enjoy a mulch of well-rotted compost, but not near the stems. Water the plant in but don't give it too much, they do need to get their roots down and not be mollycoddled...

In winter after enjoying the autumn colour of the foliage your plant can be pruned to within 5cm of the ground. Peonies are very hardy and do not require any particular winter protection. Should you wish to divide your Peony this is best done in October / November when the foliage has naturally died down. The roots can be very hard so a saw might be needed.

Your Peony purchased from us will be either a bare root ball, sent only in the winter by mail order or will be potted in an air pot. These curious pots were developed for the Eucalyptus industry used for timber and land reclamation. Their great benefit is they discourage the circling of the root system, ensuring masses of fibrous root. The Peonies grown in airpots from our collection get going without even knowing they've been moved. To take the plant out of the pot, unscrew the fixings and the pot side will uncurl and remove the base plate.

We also have a range of specie and Tree Peonies, best seen in mid spring available from the nursery, this includes some fabulous Gansu Mudan sorts.

We hope you will really enjoy growing them. Any questions please contact us

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Clockwise from top left:



**Als Choice
Vision of Sugar Plums
Bartzella
Morning Lilac
Mock Orange Yellow
Raggedy Anne
Smith Family Yellow
Julia Rose**



Yankee Doodle Dandy



Yellow Water Lily



Scarlet Heaven

