

*Van Zyverden's*  
ITOH PEONY FIRST ARRIVAL



Peonies are perennials that will live for decades, even generations. The blooms are outrageously beautiful, producing lush, glossy, green foliage all summer long, turning purplish or gold in the fall. Peony blooms are available in a wide range of colors, textures and shapes. A favorite among florists. Peonies attract hummingbirds and butterflies to the garden and are deer resistant.

*Permanent investment landscape plant;  
blooms for years to come*

*Grows well in containers,  
garden beds and border*

*Gorgeous, showy blooms*

*About This Variety:* Itoh Peonies are bred by cross breeding herbaceous type Peonies with tree Peonies, creating a new hybrid. In the old days they sold for as much as \$1,000.00 each, but these days are much more affordable. They are somewhat more expensive to propagate, but well worth the investment in your garden. Itoh Peony First Arrival is one of the earliest Itoh peonies to bloom each season hence its name. Makes for an exotic cut flower. As a hybrid it combines the best qualities of its parental varieties.

*Growing Instructions:* Plant Peonies outdoors in spring after all danger of frost has passed in a partially shaded location. The ideal soil is rich and porous and drains well, yet still holds enough water for the roots. If your soil is heavy clay and drains slowly, or very sandy and does not hold water, add organic soil amendments like peat moss or ground bark. Spread a 3-4 inch layer of soil amendment if needed and incorporate into the soil to a depth of 10 inches. Plant roots 1-2" deep and 24-48" apart. Cover with soil. Water thoroughly at planting. While actively growing, water frequently and thoroughly so that water will reach roots. Mulch to keep the soil cool and to prevent the soil from drying out. Fertilize every three months.

*Care Tip:* Treat regularly to control chewing insects, leaf blight and mildew. Divide in late summer every 3 to 4 years.

*Blooms:* Spring to Summer

*Exposure:* Full Sun to Partial Shade

*Height:* Grows 24-28"

*Spacing:* Plant 36-48" apart, 1-2" deep

*USDA Zones:* Hardy in USDA zones 2-8

Guaranteed to grow 1 year from purchase if directions are followed. Any concerns related to quality and/or counts feel free to contact us.

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