Van Zyverden's PEONIES FESTIVA MAXIMA





Peonies are perennials and are known to 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, as stately and dignified as any shrub. They are somewhat more expensive to propagate, but well worth the investment in your garden. Double peonies, which is what these are, are by far the most popular of all peony types and the most widely planted.

Fragrant

Peonies will live for decades

Excellent cut flower

About This Variety: Festiva Maxima Peonies produce an extravagant garden display early in the season, with frilly, creamy white blossoms that have splashes of crimson peeking through.

Growing Instructions: In most of the country, the rules for success are simply full sun and well-drained humus-rich soil. Peonies even relish cold winters, because they need chilling for bud formation. In zones 8 and higher they are harder to grow. They are not fussy, but choose your location wisely so that they can be left alone once planted. Plant away from trees or shrubs as peonies do not like to compete for food.

Care Tip: The plants require little maintenance as long as they are planted properly and establish themselves; they don't respond well to transplanting. Unlike most perennials, they thrive on benign neglect as they do not need to be dug and divided. Staking may be required. Prune foliage to the ground in the fall.

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

Height: Grows 18-24" tall

Spacing: Plant 3-4' apart, 1.5 -2" deep

Hardy in: USDA zones 3-8











