

PLANTING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HERBACEOUS AND ITOH PEONIES

- **Full sun....6-8 hours from March to August.**
- **Well drained soil. If there is lots of clay in your soil, then raised beds are needed.**
- **Planting in the ground is the best way to grow peonies. Dig a hole 18"x18" and add good soil, compost and manure. Very shallow planting. Roots should be barely covered as each year new growth comes up and you do not want the stems to struggle to the surface.**
- **Potting peonies is never recommended as over time the soil sinks and you would need to repot every couple of years. With summer water and winter rain, nutrients wash out of the pot so you would need to re-amend the soil.**
- **Keep the roots moist but not wet. Too much moisture and the roots can rot. Water at least every three days in the summer and winter rains should do the rest.**
- **The herbaceous go dormant by the end of Oct. and Itohs by the end of Nov. Cut everything down to the roots as everything above the ground will be dead.**