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## HERBACEOUS PEONY INFORMATION SHEET

Pre-orders highly encouraged due to limited availability of some varieties. There is a 30% deposit due at time of order. Visa and Mastercard accepted. No charge for packing. Buyer pays actual shipping cost. Payment required in full prior to shipping. *Phytosanitary inspection \$20/shipment for orders shipped outside the U.S.* Order deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Orders shipped between September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> each year.

Standard 3-5 eye bare root, healthy divisions will be provided. Subject to availability. Most photos available at [www.levirunions.com](http://www.levirunions.com). Contact us for photos not posted on our website.

Planting instructions available upon request.

Note: In Sabin, Minnesota early bloom is 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, midseason bloom is 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> week of May, late bloom is late May into mid-June, depending on weather for the year.

### Information on Peonies:

Peonies are classic garden plants that add a bit of nostalgia and charm to the garden. Their fragrant blooms and lush foliage have made them popular for years, and with the recent resurgence in breeding, they will continue to improve. Peonies are simple to grow and can be utilized in many ways, including mass plantings, specimens, or hedges. By choosing a mixture of early, midseason, and late blooming varieties, you can have blooms for up to 6 weeks.

**Hardiness Zone:** 3 - 8 (-30 degrees F) which includes most of the United States.

**Sun Exposure:** Prefers Full Sun (> 6 hrs. direct sun) for best blooming

**Foliage Type:** Dark shiny lobed leaves with strong stems.

**Planting Requirements:** Be sure to plant 1 1/2" below the surface - no deeper to insure flowering

**Soil Requirements:** Likes fertile conditions, well-drained soil, use compost with planting mix.

**Water Requirements:** Average water needs

**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate. May not get blooms the first year.

**Unique Characteristics:** Spectacular fragrance. Long lived – may live 50 years or more. Easy to care for. Looks great as a hedge or specimen in the landscape long after the blooms are gone. Deer resistant

**Pruning:** Only to remove spent flower heads.

**Time of Pruning:** After flowering

**Ants:** In answer to the question "Do ants harm or benefit peonies?", neither one, they are neutral. The collective wisdom of growers and gardeners seems to be that they arrive for the nectar and when the nectar is gone, they disappear.