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### Sequestered Sunshine Peony

*Paeonia 'Sequestered Sunshine'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Itoh Peony

Group/Class: Itoh Hybrids

#### Description:

Large semi-double blooms are held on strong stems above luxurious green deeply cut foliage; bright canary yellow blooms in late spring; an exceptionally vigorous plant that prefers sun

#### Ornamental Features

Sequestered Sunshine Peony features bold lightly-scented yellow flowers at the ends of the stems in late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Sequestered Sunshine Peony is an herbaceous perennial with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Sequestered Sunshine Peony is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Sequestered Sunshine Peony in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Sequestered Sunshine Peony will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.