

Container Gardening



You don't need a yard to have a garden. Container gardening offers a myriad of planting possibilities for the patio, deck, balcony, window box, roof top... you name it. And, even if you do have a yard, don't limit your gardening to ground level. Plants can go anywhere that soil, water, light and imagination can go.

When choosing plants for your container, consider the following:

- **Light** -- Most flowers are sun-lovers. If you're decorating a shady spot, try impatiens, begonias, coleus, browallia, fuchsia, or torenia. Check plant care tags and buy with your location in mind, or rotate containers to a sunny spot.
- **Height** -- Put tall plants in the center of containers viewed from all sides or the rear of ones viewed from one side only. Use shorter plants in the middle and low or trailing varieties at the edge.
- **Distance** -- One-color, one-variety planters make a dramatic showing even when viewed from afar. Combination plantings of several different varieties make for upclose interest.

When planting your container, follow these tips:

- Use a soil-less planting mix like Premier Ultimate Container Mix. Garden soil is too heavy for containers and may carry insects and disease. Add Soil Moist to the soil when planting to help conserve on the watering during those hot summer months.
- Check watering needs daily. Containers dry out faster than garden beds.
- Turn planters for symmetrical growth. Plants "lean" toward the light. Keep the sunny side from outgrowing the shady side by turning pots periodically.
- Fertilize lightly but frequently with a water soluble plant food or fertilize with Osmocote for season-long feeding.

Colorful Combinations

Partial Shade	Sun
Salmon Tuberosus Begonias Pink Impatiens Purple Lobelia Caladium	Orange Gazania Yellow Snapdragons Sweet Potato Vine Springeri Fern Argyranthemum
Lilac Impatiens Purple Torenia Lamium	Pink Geraniums Purple Ageratum Dusty Miller Variegated Ivy
Dark-Leafed Pink Begonias Lilac Brachycome Bronze-Leafed Coleus Ivy	White Periwinkle Red Geraniums Yellow Dwarf Marigolds Vinca Vine