

Top 6 Container Gardening Tips For Success



1. Soil Matters

Always use quality potting soil with amendments such as peat moss, compost, perlite, vermiculite. Never use soil directly from your garden as it can harden which will hinder root growth.

2. Let There Be Light

Read plant tags before you buy. Look for directions on the level of sun or shade the plant will thrive in. Don't mix sun and shade plants in the same container!

3. Thriller, Filler, Spiller

When purchasing plants think in layers for the strongest visual impact. A tall showy plant in the center, surrounded by medium sized filler plants, with trailing plants around the perimeter. Color also plays a role, so look for contrasting hues.

4. I'm Thirsty

Container plants dry out faster so more frequent watering is a must. Use the touch test, if the soil is dry, time to water. Ramp up watering during hot and dry periods.

5. I'm Hungry

Container plants get hungry too. Depending on the type of plant, add fertilizer during summer months to keep flowers and vegetables in good shape.

6. Refresh Regularly

Besides looking better, removing spent blooms (commonly referred to as "deadheading") encourages new growth.