



CONTAINER GARDENING

WITH Medina® Agriculture Products

THRILL · FILL · SPILL

1.

START WITH YOUR PLAN

What is your project?
Where will you place your container?
What type of light does the area receive?
Answer these questions first - they will guide all your decisions.

2.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CONTAINER

Select a container appropriate for your plants. For hanging baskets choose ones with coco liners (without plastic along the bottom) or fabric liners.

- Tomatoes need at least a 10-gallon pot (unless using a compact variety).
- Peppers can grow in smaller containers.

No matter what your project, make sure your container has **GOOD DRAINAGE**

3.

THRILL FILL & SPILL

Choose plants with similar water, light, and temperature needs. If you're unsure, don't hesitate to ask a garden center employee.

Thrill: A focal plant that adds height or bold color

Fill: Plants that add fullness and body

Spill: Trailing plants that cascade over the edge

-Spillers can be all one variety or a mix that complements each other in color and texture.



4.

**SELECT A QUALITY
POTTING SOIL**

Your plants' roots will live here—choose a soil that helps them thrive.

OUR FAVORITES:

Dirty Dirt POT-IT and POT-IT Peat Free

Other trusted National Brands:

Pro-Mix • Sunagro • Espoma • Coast of Maine • Fertlome Ultimate Potting Soil

Each one of these brands offers different blends, so choose what best fits your needs.

5.

READ THE LABEL

Potting soils vary. Some retain more moisture, while others drain faster.

Check for:

- Added fertilizer
- Beneficial microbes
- pH adjusters

IMPORTANT: Do not use garden soil in containers smaller than 10 gallons.

6.

**CONSIDER SOIL
AMENDMENTS**

Enhance your potting mix with:

- Medina Beneficial Microbes
- Earthworm castings
- Humates
- Molasses

7.

ADD FERTILIZER

You may wish to incorporate a dry fertilizer—organic, natural, or synthetic.

- Always follow label directions
- Mix thoroughly into the soil

Recommended:

Medina Growin Green 3-2-3

- Organic
- Slow release
- Won't burn plants
- Not affected by temperature

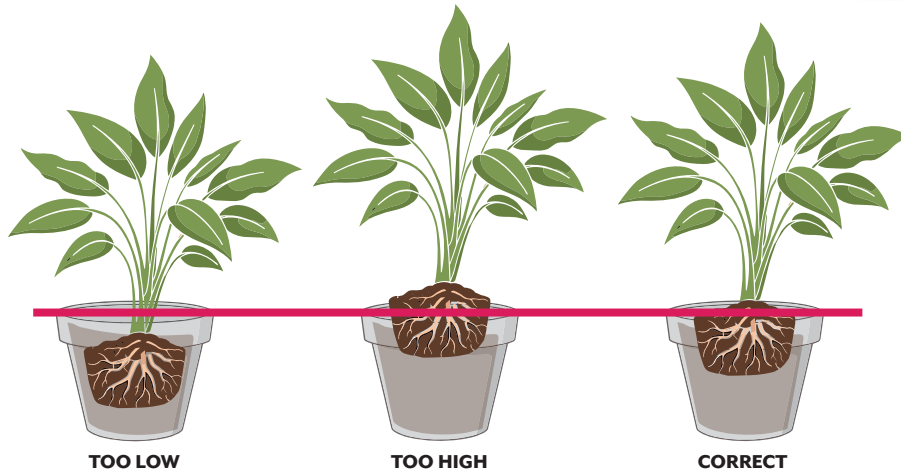


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PLANTING TIME

Arrange plants in the container before planting.

- Do not plant deeper than they were originally grown
- Backfill with soil and gently firm around plants



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FINISH AND WATER

Top-dress with mulch such as:

- Compost
- Pine straw
- Hardwood mulch

Water thoroughly after planting.

CARE AFTER PLANTING

CHECK MOISTURE REGULARLY

Use your finger to test soil moisture—insert it past the knuckle in multiple spots. Soil should feel like a **well-wrung sponge**.

FERTILIZE REGULARLY

Container plants—including hanging baskets—need frequent fertilization.

- Follow directions if using time-release fertilizer
- If using organic or minimal fertilizer, reapply as needed

RECOMMENDED LIQUID FERTILIZERS:

- Medina Hasta Gro Plant 6-12-6
- Fish Blend
- Alternate with Liquid Seaweed

