

Container Gardening:

- Choose your containers carefully:
 - They must have drainage holes
 - Large enough to support full grown plants
 - Do not use treated wood, it is toxic to plants and people
- Put large pots on wheels or dollies, or use pot lifters to move them.
- Most vegetables need 8-10 hours of sun per day.
- Lettuce will grow well in part shade during the heat of the summer.
- Use a good quality potting soil.
- Add lime and slow release vegetable fertilizers in the correct amount for the pot size, and mix well with the soil. The fertilizer should last 8-10 weeks. After 10 weeks you can use a liquid when you water.
- Do not over-fertilize.
- If you use the same pots every year, replace the potting soil yearly.
- If staking is needed, put stakes or cages in while plants are small to avoid damaging the plants roots.
- Containers dry out quickly, so make sure to water them as needed, which may be daily or twice daily in the summer heat.
- Apply water until it runs out of the bottom of the pot, but don't let the plant become water logged. If your pots are on a deck, put a tray under the pot and fill it with pebbles so the plant sits on the pebbles instead of sitting in water.

Good Plants for Containers:

- Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, zucchini, cucumbers, lettuce, chard, spinach, herbs, bush peas and bush beans.