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Container Gardening Primer



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Discussion Outline

- Benefits
- Mechanics
 - Containers
 - Drainage
 - Planting
 - Irrigation
 - Mulch
- Tips and Tricks
- Resources
- Q&A
- Wrap up



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Benefits

- Access
- Control
- Convenience
- Cost
- Maintenance
- Space
- “Instant Gratification”



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Containers

- Containers
 - Size
 - Bigger is definitely better!
 - Shape
 - Style
 - Hanging Baskets, Flower Pots, Pressed Paper, Urns, Wall Pots, Window Boxes, Wood Barrels, etc.
 - Material
 - Clay, Fiberglass, Glazed Pottery, Plastic, Reclaimed Materials, Stoneware, Terra Cotta, Wire, Wood, etc



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Drainage

- Drainage
 - 1/2" holes
 - Soil vs. Drainage Material?
 - 1-2" Container to Ground Clearance
 - Pot Feet
 - Locking Casters
 - Brick or Wood Blocks



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Planting

- Planting
- Media
- Design Considerations
 - Color
 - Culture
 - Line, Mass, Form, Fill
 - Decorative Accents
- Plant Materials
- Recipes



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Planting

- Planting Practices
 - Start with a clean container
 - Insure adequate drainage
 - Water retention
 - Use proper planting media
 - Line base with newspaper, mesh to prevent soil loss
 - Root preparation
 - Soil depth in planting
 - Compacting soil-watering test



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Irrigation

- Irrigation
 - Frequency
 - Clay/Terra Cotta-daily
 - Glazed-every 3-4 days
 - Location
 - Volume
 - Types
 - Drip Irrigation
 - Hose Nozzles
 - Thumb pots, Watering Cans
 - Self Watering Containers
 - Watering Balls



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Mulch

- Mulch
 - Why Mulch?
 - Material Choices
 - Cocoa Mulch
 - Fir or Redwood Bark
 - Beach Glass
 - Moss
 - Seashells
 - Stones, Pebbles, Gravel, etc.
 - How Much Mulch?



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Tips & Tricks

- Plant in plastic and slide into a more attractive outer container (fill and top with mulch)
- Line Clay/Terra Cotta pots with newspaper
- Drill additional drainage holes in glazed pots
- Water with cooking water for extra nutrients
- Collect cold shower water for plants



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Resources

- Gardener's Supply Company
 - Self-watering Containers, Mix, Living Walls, Rain Barrels, Composting, Gifts and More!
- Lee Valley Tools
 - Containers, Pot Levels, Heavy Duty Pot Caddy, Accessories and More!
- Plastec
 - Pot Caddies
- Compost Tea and Amendments
 - Seasonal Celebrations Garden Design



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Q&A

Questions?



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Wrap Up

Thank you for your time and attention.

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