

# TIPS FOR HERB CONTAINER GARDENING



## Containers

- Terra cotta, ceramic, stone, plastic or wood
- Need drainage hole covered with a paper coffee filter
- For very large containers, place leaves, crushed aluminum cans or broken pottery pieces in the bottom
- Saucers can help eliminate water marks on surfaces

## Soil

- Use good, sterile potting soil – not garden soil!
- Add a small amount of sand or gravel to promote drainage

## Planting

- Plant herbs together that require the same conditions
- Read plant label for planting directions
- Space plants much closer than you would in a garden
- Plant at least 3/4" from the walls of the pot

## Water

- The smaller the container, the more water is needed
- Water when soil is dry to a depth of about 1"
- Plants need more water directed to roots during the first few weeks after planting
- After plants are established, water until it runs out of drainage hole
- To allow for good drainage, prop off ground

## Fertilizer

- Various types can be used – liquid, granular or time-release
- Some fertilizer leaches out each time the plant is watered
- Use at half strength weekly, other than time-release varieties

## Maintenance

- Remove dead foliage and spent blooms
- If edible plants have been planted, enjoy what you harvest

## HERB BLENDS FOR CONTAINER PLANTING

### Citrus Blend

Lemon Basil | Lemon Verbena | Lemon Thyme | Lemongrass  
Lime Thyme | Orange Mint

### Refreshment Blend

Chamomile | Lemon Verbena | Peppermint or Spearmint | Stevia

### Asian Blend

Thai Basil | Vietnamese Coriander | Lemongrass | Mint

### Italian Blend

Sweet Basil | Garlic Chives | Marjoram | Oregano | Rosemary | Thyme  
(Place basil in separate pot as it needs more water)

### Herbes de Provence

Lavender | Rosemary | Winter Savory | French Tarragon | Thyme

### Barbecue Blend

Garlic Chives | Oregano | BBQ Rosemary | Sage | Thyme

### Chef's Delight Blend

Cilantro | Garlic Chives | Oregano | Parsley | Rosemary | Sage

### Shade Herbs

Lady's Mantle | Pansy | Curly Parsley | Salad Burnet | Sweet Woodruff