

## CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP WITH GVI!

### Considerations before you start:

1. Sun
2. Size/Weight of Container
3. Your Time
4. Your Dreams

#### Notes:

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#### Resources:

[Kidsgardening.org](http://Kidsgardening.org)  
[Homesteading.com](http://Homesteading.com)  
[Rodalesorganiclife.com](http://Rodalesorganiclife.com)  
[Morningchores.com](http://Morningchores.com)  
[Gardeners.com](http://Gardeners.com)  
 Ask Friends & Family  
 Use upcycled containers  
 Come back to the farm!  
 Treeland  
 Ganim's Garden Center

### GARDEN TIP

#### Container Gardening

Gardening in pots and containers is a great way to experiment with garden design. Keep these rules in mind to ensure that your potted plants survive.

#### DISINFECTING

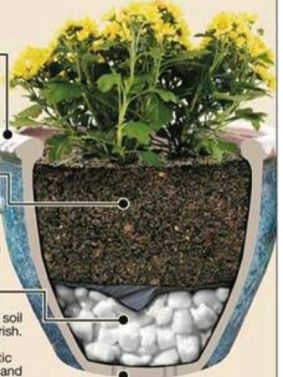
To avoid bugs and plant diseases make sure all plant containers are clean. Wash containers with soap and water, rinse, and let air dry.

#### SOIL MIX

A good potting soil contains organic nutrients and should be able to drain well and keep the soil at optimum moisture levels.

#### CONTAINER FILLER

Using filler materials in the bottom of pots require less soil and your plants will still flourish. Materials such as packing peanuts, pop bottles, plastic containers, aluminum cans and other recycled items can be used.



**COVER DRAIN HOLES**  
Place a screen over holes to prevent soil and filler material from draining out.

## Size, Type, & Soil Considerations >>>

### Choosing a Container

In general, plants aren't affected by container choice.



Should be large enough to hold the plant and have drainage holes

#### Containers to avoid:



Terra-cotta

Porous nature of pots means more attention to watering



Dark color

Absorbs heat, making the soil too warm for some plants



Treated wood

May contain chemical compounds that could be absorbed by plants

### Soil

Look for a soil mix designed for outdoor container gardens.

Make your own by mixing equal parts:



Peat moss



Potting soil



Vermiculite, perlite, or clean sand

### Determine how much potting mix you'll need:



### Planting

Plant at the same time you would in the garden.

Water the container before planting.



Soak potting mix completely.

Let sit for a few hours to drain excess water.

After planting



Water to settle seeds or transplants.



Keep soil from drying using mulch with straw, compost, or leaf mold.

### Care Tips



Place containers in full sun for at least 6 hours a day.



If in a cold climate, place plants near a south-facing wall.



If in a warm climate, plants may overheat if placed on cement.