

Planting a Container Herb Garden

A container herb garden can be placed on a deck or patio, off your kitchen windowsill, anywhere you can easily go out the door and cut some fresh herbs for dinner.

Container - Window box, clay pots, or any shallow containers. Herbs do best in low containers

Soil – A lite soil is best. Fox Farm Ocean Forest, Professional Mix, Adoria Organic Potting Soil.

Fertilizer – A liquid fertilizer is best used to add nutrition while watering. To keep the plants thriving, fertilize every 2 or 3 weeks with an organic liquid. Fox Farm Grow Big, Espoma Grow All Purpose.

Watering – Keep a watering can near your planter. Keep moist but never wet and water only when needed. If the planter is in a sunny location, you may need to water it every day.

Sun/Shade - Herbs need an average of 8 hours of sunlight or bright indirect light a day. During summer and heat of day, herbs would love the shade so not to dry out.

Plants – Choose what you will use. You can place multiple herbs in one container or use multiple individual pots. Keep in mind mints like to spread so an individual pot is best. Herbs like Basil and Parsley will work well in the same container.

Harvest – Cutting for use promotes new growth and can fill out the plants. It is always advisable to have a couple of the same plants. While you trim one basil plant the other will be available while the first plant grows back. Cut with scissors or a knife and do not remove more than 1/3 at a time. If any of the herbs start to bloom, remove them because the energy of the plant is going into the flower and not the leaves.

Fall/Winter - Some herbs can survive well in a bright south window or under a grow light during the dark days of winter. Keep plants moist and add humidity with pebbles and water nearby. They will not grow as fast but can be saved to bring back outside in spring.