

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.



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Plants that can withstand colder temperatures for the fall container:

asters, kale, cabbage, fall pansies, mums, violets, snap dragons, diascia, petunias, nemesia

Mix with leaves, gourds & berries.



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