

# CONTAINER GARDENING

## Outsmart Common Garden Problems

Plant	Container Depth	Container Diameter	Optimal Soil PH	Required Sun	Plants Needed for Pollination	Water Needs
Herbs	3-12 in.	6-20 in.	6.0-7.5 pH	6-8 hours	1 plant	Minimal
Tomatoes	10 in.	18-24 in.	6.0-8.0 pH	8 hours	1 plant	1-2" weekly
Cucumbers	12 in.	8 in.	6.0-7.0 pH	8 hours	2-3 plants	Moderate
Zucchini	12 in.	24 in.	6.5-7.0 pH	8-10 hours	1 plant	Moderate
Squash	12 in.	24 in.	5.5-7.0 pH	8-10 hours	1 plant	Moderate
Potatoes	12 in.	16-24 in.	4.8-6.0 pH	8-10 hours	1 plant	1-2" weekly
Blueberries	24 in.	24-30 in.	4.5-5.5 pH	6-8 hours	2-3 plants	Water Often
Strawberries	8 in.	10-12 in.	5.5-6.9 pH	6-8 hours	1 plant	Water Often

### TOMATOES

- Determinate varieties work best
- 1 plant can produce 15+ lbs of fruit in a season
- Tomatoes are heavy nitrogen feeders and will need extra fertilizer
- Plant transplants deep for good rooting
- Place a cage or stake at planting
- 5 gallon buckets are popular choice

### HERBS

- Herbs like it sunny and not too wet
- Make sure that your container has good drainage
- Plant several types of herbs in a single pot
- Many herbs like rosemary and sage are perennials
- If you plant mint it will escape your pot!

**Consider your Container** - *Terracotta pots* are beautiful but also heavy and expensive. Clay pots are porous and move air and water which is great for roots. They need more frequent watering. They can crack in the winter.

*Plastic containers* offer a lot of variety including buckets, barrels, and tubs. They are lightweight and cheap. Drainage holes are a must because they don't breath. Plastic can crack over time.