

DOWN AND DIRTY CONTAINER GARDENING

1. Why grow in containers?
 - a. Shade
 - b. Soil pH
 - c. Pests and Weeds
 - d. Contaminated Soil
 - e. No yard/space
 - f. Convenience

2. Choose varieties that work in containers
 - a. Bush
 - b. Dwarf
 - c. Tiny
 - d. Naturally small vegetables ex. Radish, carrot
 - e. Also, check days to maturity

3. Choose the right container
 - a. Most vegs need no more than 12" soil
 - b. Larger plants – 5 gallon container
 - c. Smaller plants, shallow-rooted vegs can be in smaller vessels
 - d. Need drainage holes

4. Choose the right soil
 - a. For containers
 - b. "Potting Mix"
 - c. NOT garden dirt from your yard
 - d. A mix specific for containers
 - e. Add some compost if you have it

5. Put it in the right place
 - a. Full sun = 6-8 hours per day
 - i. Greens can get 3-5 hours per day
 - b. Easy to water
 - c. Protect from intense winds

6. Success
 - a. Keep them watered, but don't overwater
 - b. Pick to keep plant productive
 - c. Fertilize if necessary
 - d. Replant if there's time