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Container Gardening Tips

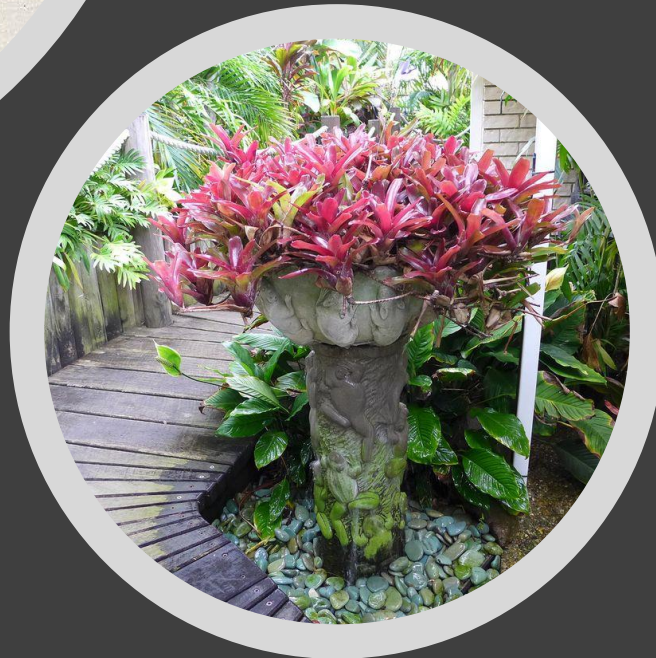
- How many plants do I use in my planter?
 - Based on using a 4" pot size
 - 3 to 4 plants in 12-inch planter
 - 4 to 6 plants in 16-inch planter
 - 6 to 8 plants in 20-inch planter
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- The size of the plants when purchased will help determine how many per pot





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Additional considerations when deciding how many plants to use in your planter:

- Adjust the number of plants by considering the vigor and final size of the plants
- Fast growers will require less plants per pot
- Dwarf and compact growers can be placed closer together



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Selecting the potting mix

- Only use soil that is label for potted plants
- Potting mix with slow release fertilizers works well. Don't use if planting edibles.
- Potting mix with moisture retention caplets may hold too much water depending on the plant types you choose. Especially during the summer humidity and rain.





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How much soil do I need?

- 12 inch pot = 0.77 cu. ft.
- 14 inch pot = 1 cu. ft.
- 16 inch pot = 1.5 cu. ft.
- 18 inch pot = 2.3 cu. ft.
- 24 inch pot = 3.8 cu. ft.
- 30 inch pot = 4.6 cu. ft.

25 dry quarts = 1 cu. ft.

Allow for soil compaction





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Fertilizing your Containers

- If slow release or organic fertilizer was mixed in the soil when first planted, may not need additional nutrients for 2-3 months
- Depending on plant types, liquid fertilizers such as Fish Emulsion or Miracle Gro can be added monthly
- When adding fertilizers make sure plants have been well watered a day or two before

