

# 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