Basics of Container Gardens

Benefits of Container Gardens

- You can have a garden anywhere!
- Minimize pests and control disease
- Control water usage
- Freedom to be creative and artistic

Selecting a Container

- How much sunlight does the area get?
- Select what you want to plant based on the sunlight and the amount of space you have and the mature plant needs.
- Be sure the container has proper drainage.

Preparing your soil

- Soil prep is important since that is the only place your plant gets any nutrients.
- Soil should hold moisture and nutrients while allowing drainage and oxygen to get to the roots.

**BASIC SOIL RECIPE**

- 1/3 part soil
- 1/3 part compost or worm castings
- 1/3 part perlite or vermiculite

**FERTILIZER CHEAT SHEET**

- N: Nitrogen - Leaf growth
- P: Phosphorus - Root, flower growth
- K: Potassium - Overall plant functions

Planting

- Starting from seed, place 2-3 seeds the allotted distance apart. Thin as needed.
- Often, it will be one per container.
- Water, Watch, Wait, and Enjoy!