

# Container Plants

1. Things to consider—are the plants compatible. sun/shade; watering needs of the plants; size; shrub vs perennial vs annual; seasonal needs-cooler weather vs warm weather; growing habit.
2. Color Combination
3. Filler; Thriller; Spiller vs “Disneyland Method”
4. Type of Container—all must have drainage holes
5. Planting Mix—organic or nonorganic
6. Watering schedule – in Texas heat some plants could require daily watering
7. Fertilizing—Very important to have a schedule to fertilize once every 7-10 days.

Sun/shade plants: The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Part Shade (up to 4 hours of sun preferably in the morning); Full Shade (up to 4 hours but ONLY morning sun). Very important to consider where the container will be—north; south; east; west.

<b>Full Shade</b>	<b>Part Shade</b>	<b>Part Sun</b>	<b>Full Sun</b>
New Guinea Impatiens	Geraniums New Guinea Impatiens	Geraniums New Guinea Impatiens	Geraniums
Coleus*	Coleus*	Coleus*	Gomphrena
	SunPatiens	Euphorbia SunPatiens Supertunia Cordyline	Euphorbia SunPatiens Supertunia Cordyline
Cordyline Impatiens Torenia*	Cordyline Impatiens Torenia*	Torenia* Vinca Petunia Easy Wave Carex**	Torenia* Vinca Petunia Easy Wave Carex** Muhlenbergia
Farfugium Heuchera Hosta Fatsia	Farfugium Heuchera Hosta	Heuchera	
Caladiums*	Caladiums*	Caladiums* Salvias	Agave Caladiums* Salvias

\*Always check the variety. Some varieties of the same plant name can take more or less sun.

\*\*Personally, I have grown this in full shade; it has retained its bright green color.