

# Hanging Basket Care

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**So, you've found the perfect basket and brought it home...  
now what?**

**Don't despair! You can keep your basket looking lush and  
beautiful all summer, just follow these simple steps...**



**Location:** Place your basket where it will get enough sunlight (sun/part-sun: 4-6 hours/day; shade: 1-3 hours/day). Baskets can be hung or placed on an overturned pot to be enjoyed close up.

**Watering:** To see if your basket needs water, check the weight. Lift your hanging basket - if it is heavy, DO NOT water! Too much water can be as bad as too little. Wait until your basket is pretty light, then give it a good soaking. Water the soil, not the foliage. Wet foliage encourages disease.

**Feeding:** You don't expect your pets to thrive without food, so don't starve your plants! At purchase, your basket was fertilized with slow-release pellets that will feed it for 1 month. After that, fertilize with a water-soluble fertilizer (such as Miracle-Gro) every 2 weeks until mid-September.

**Maintenance:** Baskets must be trimmed periodically to encourage new growth and a tidy habit. Around the 4th of July, (after your big party) trim the longer branches in line with the bottom of the pot/basket. Don't remove too much. Just give it a general trim, then fertilize. Your basket may not flower for a few days, but will come back stronger than ever, with lots of new growth in the center. May your basket have a long and beautiful life!

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