

Herbs

- Parsley
- Basil
- Chives
- Dill
- Marjoram
- Mint
- Oregano
- Rosemary
- Sage
- Tarragon
- Thyme



You could also experiment with other fruit and vegetables to see how they do as long as you give them the right conditions.

Stepping outside your door and picking your own fresh produce is delicious and rewarding – so why not give it a go!

If you require any further information, please ask our outdoor plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm

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Hanging Basket & Container Grown Fruit & Vegetables



Care & Advice Sheet

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Inspiration for your Home & Garden

Have you wanted to grow your own fruit and vegetables but didn't have the space?

You can grow a selection of fruit and vegetables successfully in hanging baskets and containers so long as you give them the right growing conditions.

Planting

The basket or container size is important, depending on how many plants you put in and what space they need when fully grown.

- The soil should be fairly deep, at least 25cm (10") to allow the roots to grow freely and not be impeded.
- The weight of the hanging basket needs to be taken into consideration too when hanging them, make sure the supports are strong enough.
- Use a multi purpose compost with added John Innes to fill your containers, add a water retention gel and mix plenty of slow release fertiliser and finally the plants.

Care

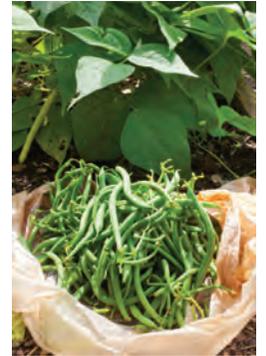
- Plants are very thirsty, keep well watered throughout the growing season, especially when hot, it is important soil does not dry out as it will affect the growth of the fruit and veg.
- Place in a sunny area or wall for best crops.
- Once they start flowering and setting fruit, feed once a week with Tomorite or general fruit & veg fertiliser.
- Pick fruit as soon as ripe to encourage further crops.



The following vegetables and fruit are suitable for growing in hanging baskets and containers:

Vegetables and Salads

- Lettuce selection
- Courgettes – Little Gem or Bambini
- Peppers – any varieties
- Chillies
- Aubergines
- Peas – Dwarf (Petit Pois)
- Dwarf Runner Beans
- French Beans
- Cucumbers
- Calabrese, "Kabuki"
- Butternut Squash



(make sure the runners are supported on surface for the fruit, squashes need a lot of water)

Fruit

- Tomatoes – Tumbler, cherry tomatoes.
- Strawberries (any variety)
- Alpine strawberries



Herbs could also be inter-planted with tomatoes like parsley, lettuce etc. or why not try with bedding plants too, or purely, just herbs.