

Chessington

Care & Advice

Hanging Baskets

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 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.

Vegetables and Fruits

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

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

This guide has been put together to give a brief outline of the care needed . If you require any further information, please ask our plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

