

## Do's

### DO select a container

that will give your plants' roots room to grow, but not so much space that they will not fill out the pot when mature

### DO

plant in pots with drainage holes. Some decorative containers might be missing drainage holes. If so, drill a few holes yourself or place a smaller pot inside the decorative one to give water a place to drain

### DO

put a stick for tall plants. Vining plants such as morning glories and tomatoes will need a stake or small trellis for support

### DO

pay attention to the depth where the seeds to be planted

### DO

use containers to experiment with planting in different parts of your garden



## Don'ts

### DON'T

use soil directly from the garden. As tempting as it is to dig up some backyard dirt and throw it into a container, potted plants need drainage.

### DON'T

pat the soil down after scooping it into the pot. Looser soil is easier on the roots.

### DON'T

forget to mulch. A layer of mulch will help the soil to retain moisture and discourage weeds during summer.

### DON'T

water at night. Watering plants in the night will encourage fungus growth due to warmth and moisture

### DON'T

ignore the lighting needs of a plant. Plants need sunlight to grow, but each plant is different as to how much sunlight is best.

