Hanging Basket Care

Hanging baskets come in a wide variety of fun colors and combinations. What's even better is that they are an instant remedy for decorating any porch or patio.

When you go to pick out your basket, make sure you know where you want to put it. Ask yourself, is it sunny or shady? How many hours of sun does it get? Does it have protection from wind? Don't be tempted to try and make a full sun basket work in a full shade spot. Be sure to ask us what would work best in your conditions.

But what about when those flowers start to fade, and your investment begins to look less than radiant long before the summer's end?

The two most important keys to keeping your hanging basket happy, lush, and blooming, are **water** and **fertilizer**. Because of the small container your flowers are in, they need a steady supply of water and nutrients. Expect to water your basket every day during the heat of the summer. For full sun containers this will mean watering until a steady stream is running out the bottom of your container. You will also want to fertilize once a week with a water-soluble fertilizer. Lastly, set aside a little time every week or two to deadhead faded flowers, which will encourage more blooms.

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