



Container Vegetable Gardening

You can grow many different kinds of vegetables in pots or containers. The secret to a successful container vegetable garden is choosing containers large enough for your vegetables. The following charts list the vegetables and herbs you can grow, and the container sizes you need for each.

Container Vegetable Gardens

Vegetable	Minimum Size Container	Number of Plants Per Container
Beets	2 gallon	Varies. Thin to 2-3 inches apart
Cabbage	2 gallon	1 plant
Carrots	2 gallon	Varies. Thin to 2-3 inches apart
Cucumber	2 gallon	2 plants per container. Plant only bush type.
Eggplant	2 gallon	1 plant
Green Beans	1 gallon	2-3 plants
Kale	5 gallon	Varies. Thin to 10 inches apart.
Lettuce	1 gallon	4-6 plants
Pepper	2 gallon	1 plant
Radishes	2 gallon	Varies. Thin to 1-2 inches apart
Spinach	1 gallon	Varies. Thin to 3 inches apart
Squash, Summer	5 gallon	1 plant per container. Plant only bush type.
Swiss Chard	1 gallon	1 plant per gallon
Tomatoes, Cherry	2 gallon	1 plant
Tomatoes, Standard	4 gallon	1 plant
Turnips	3 gallon	Varies. Thin to 2-3 inches apart.

Soil and Container Sizes



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How Much Soil Do I Need?



Measure around the top inside diameter of a container to estimate how much soil it holds. Keep in mind that the deeper the container, the more soil it will hold.

Top Inside Diameter	Approximate Soil Size
5	1 quart
6	2 1/2 quarts
7	3 quarts
8	1 gallon
9	1 1/2 gallons
10	2 gallons
12	3 gallons
14	5 gallons
16	7 1/2 gallons

Container Herb Gardens



You can also grow many of your favorite herbs in pots or containers. These can be grown on a sunny windowsill or outside on a sunny deck or patio. You can plant herbs in separate containers or grow several together such as the classic combination of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. Make sure you choose a larger container to accommodate more herbs.

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Herb Plant	Minimum Size Container	Number of Plants Per Container
Basil	1/2 gallon	1 per half gallon
Chives	1/2 gallon or smaller	1 per half gallon
Lemon Balm	1/2 gallon	1 per half gallon
Mint	1 gallon	1 per gallon
Oregano	1 gallon	1 per gallon
Parsley	1/2 gallon or smaller	1 per half gallon
Rosemary	1/2 gallon or smaller	1 per half gallon
Sage	1 gallon	1 per gallon
Thyme	1/2 gallon or smaller	1 per half gallon

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