



FYI: Planting Window Boxes

- **Be sure your box has drainage holes.** If there are no holes, drill them.
- Since boxes are small, it's best to use **fresh potting mix** every year.
- Mix equal parts of **time-release fertilizer and Plant-tone** into the potting mix before planting. For a 36" long box, use 1/3 cup of each.
- Decide on how tall you want the plants in your boxes to grow, and choose your varieties according to height as well as color.
- **Plant hanging/trailing plants in the front** of the box. In a small box (18 to 24 inches long) use one in the center. In boxes that are 30 inches or longer, use one in the center and one on each end.
- **Plant mounding plants in the center** of the box, & taller varieties in the back.
- **Trailing plants for sun:** *Scaevola, Petunias, Mecardonia Gold Dust, Snow Princess Lobularia, ivy, variegated Vinca, sweet potato vine, trailing Verbena, licorice vine, Dichondra Silver Falls, Mandevilla, black-eyed Susan vine, trailing geraniums.* **Plants for shade:** cascading *Begonia, Lobelia, sweet potato vine, cascading Coleus, Algerian ivy, Asparagus fern, Impatiens, trailing Fuchsia.*
- **Mounding plants for sun:** Profusion *Zinna, Bidens, Cuphea, short Dahlias, zonal geraniums, Euphorbia Diamond Frost, Berried Treasure strawberries, New Guinea Impatiens, Pentas, mounding Petunias, Plectranthus, Sanvitalia, Heliotrope.* **Mounding plants for shade:** *Impatiens, upright Begonia, Caladium, Browalia, Coleus, Lamium.*
- **Taller accent plants for sun:** *Juncus/rushes, Salvia, Gaura, Gomphrena, Dracaena, Angelonia, Gartenmeister Fuchsia, gold Duranta.* **Taller accent plants for shade:** Persian shield, tall *Coleus, upright Fuchsia, Dracaena, Duranta.*
- **Use colors you love**, and aim for some that contrast and others that repeat. For example, you might use two shades of purple, a light and a dark pink, (repetition) and a lime or silver foliage to contrast with those colors.
- After placing the plants in the box, **water** well and then fill in any spaces that appear with more potting mix. Water the boxes well when the soil starts to dry.