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If you use clean potting soil, container plantings will eliminate problems with

- Soil borne diseases
- Infestations by harmful nematodes
- An invasion of weeds

## Try these vegetables in a container

Tomatoes (Patio varieties)  
Peppers  
Spinach  
Chard  
Herbs  
Eggplant  
Green Onions  
Beans  
Lettuce  
Squash (Bush varieties)  
Radishes  
Carrots  
Parsley  
Cucumbers (Bush varieties)

Vine vegetables such as cucumbers and pole beans will also do well if they're given some sort of support in the form of a pole, cage or trellis.

## Choosing containers

Use ceramic containers, wooden tubs, planter boxes, bushel baskets or anything deep enough to accommodate roots. Lettuce, peppers, radishes, herbs and the leafy vegetables need to be in a container that holds about eight inches of soil. Plant tomatoes in containers which are at least two feet wide and two feet deep.

Make sure you have drainage. Drill holes along the bottom edge of the container about a half-inch up from the bottom. If you've chosen a container that can't be drilled, add two inches of coarse gravel in the bottom.

## Watering

Container plantings might have to be watered more often than garden plantings, particularly if the container is porous, such as a bushel basket or an unglazed terra-cotta container.



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