



*every action makes a ripple*

## Site Preparation 101

### Containers

**Step 1:** Determine placement of pot. Most fruits and vegetables need 8 hours of sunlight to thrive.

**Step 2:** Assess how your pot will drain. It is essential that your pot has either drainage holes or is made out of a permeable material.

*\*Roots will rot and plant will die without drainage*

**Step 3:** Fill pot with potting soil. See recipe below or purchase soil. You can try using soil from your backyard, but you may experience drainage problems.

#### Container Gardening Mix for Annual Vegetables

- 2 parts compost
- 1 part coir (coconut fiber) or well-rotted leaves
- Handful of perlite

**Step 4:** Either direct seed or transplant into pot.

**Step 5:** Create watering schedule. It's easy to overwater pots. Seeds need to be kept moist to germinate. For established plants, the top 2-3 inches of soil should be dry.



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