

Containers: Pros and Cons

Clay/pottery

- Porous, harder to keep moist in the heat of summer
- Excellent drainage
- Will crack if overwintering plants
- Inexpensive

Wooden

- Porous
- Will eventually rot, but acquires character with age.

Coco liners

- Very porous, hard to keep moist unless lined inside
- Very light

Ceramic

- Looks great
- Keeps plants moist
- Heavy, not easily moved around
- Expensive (make sure it's been fire glazed)

Hypertufa

- Looks good
- Keeps plants moist
- Heavy

Plastic

- Less expensive
- Light
- Many varieties
- Won't last as long.
- Does a decent job of keeping plants moist.

Salvage items – crates, wagons, shoes,

Metal not a good idea – rusts, decays and may cause soil to overheat and can damage roots.

Tall container plants:

Ornamental grasses
Dwarf Alberta Spruce
Japanese Maple
Daylily
Bamboo
Canna
Elephant Ear
Hibiscus
Flowering Vines
Yucca
Boxwood
Clematis
Tomatoes
Morning Glorys
Mandeville

Fillers:

Agastache
Basil
Caladium
Celosia
Coleus
Fuchsia
Lantana
Ornamental Cabbage
Swiss Chard
Marigolds
Geraniums
Hosta
Impatiens
Spider Plant
Salvia
Verbena

Trailing Plants:

Alyssum
Dichondra Falls
Calibrachoa
Sweet Potato Vine
Lobelia
Nasturtium
Scaevola
Petunias
Ivy
Licorice vine
Bacopa
Creeping Jenny