

Pot or Container Gardens



Kit 4 Pot or Container Garden

Step 1 - You will need the following materials for a basic pot or container garden:

- 1 x 30litre bag of organic potting mix
- 1 x pot or container (ideal minimum diameter at top is 30cm)
- 1 x bale pea straw or equivalent.
- Assorted "Yummy Yards" seedlings

N.B. If your pot or container is a different size, use the formula below to calculate the volume of soil or organic potting mix required. Radius is the distance from the centre of the tank to the outer edge. The depth is the total height of the pot.



$$\text{Radius x radius x 3.14 x depth} = \text{volume of soil (m}^3\text{)}$$

Step 2 – Find a Nice Sunny Spot and Check For Holes



- Locate a space that benefits from full sun, as most veggies like this best
- Ensure the spot is level
- If placing pot or container on concrete or similar, consider access, water, sun and discolouration under the pot over time
- Ensure the pot or container has sufficient drainage holes, to prevent water logging, sick plants and sour soil. If using a half wine barrel, ensure two to three small holes (about the size of a 5cent piece) are drilled into the base.

Step 3 - Fill the Pot with Organic Potting Mix

- Tip in your potting mix, stopping just short of the top of the pot or container
- Do not squash or compact the potting mix at this stage



Features, Benefits and Environmental Notes:

- Pot or Container Yummy Yards kits are simple to set up, easily transported, lightweight, cost effective and look fantastic.
- When possible, select locally manufactured pots. These have the least impact on the environment, whilst those made in other parts of Australia or overseas have a proportionately bigger impact.
 - The further a pot has travelled, the more its transport has contributed to pollution, the greenhouse effect and depleting non renewable resources.
 - Ceramic pots are fired using gas (least damaging), coal or wood/rice husks (most damaging). The type of energy used to fire a pot generally depends on its place of origin.
 - Locally made pots have the least transport costs in terms of pollution, contributing to the greenhouse effect and using non-renewable resources.
 - Italian pots are generally gas-fired, high quality terracotta pots. Chinese pots are generally gas-fired, fully glazed pots which utilise some coal and oil in their manufacture. Malaysian pots are gas-fired, fully glazed pots with raw rims, while Indonesian pots are generally unglazed, and are wood fired (using wood and rice husks).
- Consider the use of recycled pots or containers, such as half wine barrels, or the use of sustainably manufactured pots or containers.
- The use of organic soil, organic soil conditioners, low environmental impact chemicals and locally sourced seeds/seedlings will significantly increase the long term viability and sustainability of your Yummy Yard.



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