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SINCE 1967

A large, bright yellow sun with a thick dark grey outline is positioned in the upper left quadrant. Several dark grey, rounded rectangular rays of varying lengths extend from the sun towards the right and bottom edges of the frame. The background is a solid light grey.

# Planter design.

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# What is a planter? Why do we plant them?

- Any container filled with “annual plants”.
- Can be customary pots, rail planters, hanging baskets, barrels, window boxes and more.
- Normally placed in areas where traditional gardening is Impossible or difficult.
- Used as an aesthetic viewing point.
- Used to attract pollinators.
- Used to grow food.
- Little to no weeding required.



# Main considerations.

- Aesthetic.
- Purpose.
- Exposure.
- Water requirements.
- Viewing.
- Placement.
- Size.
- Maintenance.



# Design rules, tips and thoughts.

- No wrong answers.
- Be as grandiose, or minimalistic as you want.
- Thriller, filler and spiller.
- Mono and Polyculture both work.
- Don't be afraid to try new things.
- Pot selection is important.
  - Style, shape, colour, drainage, medium, size.



# Example flowers for sun vs shade

## Sun.

- Marigolds.
- Petunias.
- Zinnia.
- Osteospermum.
- Portulaca.
- Million bells.



## Shade.

- Begonia.
- Impatiens.
- Geranium.
- Bacopa.
- Creeping Jenny.
- Fuchsia.



# Example veggies for sun vs shade

## Sun.

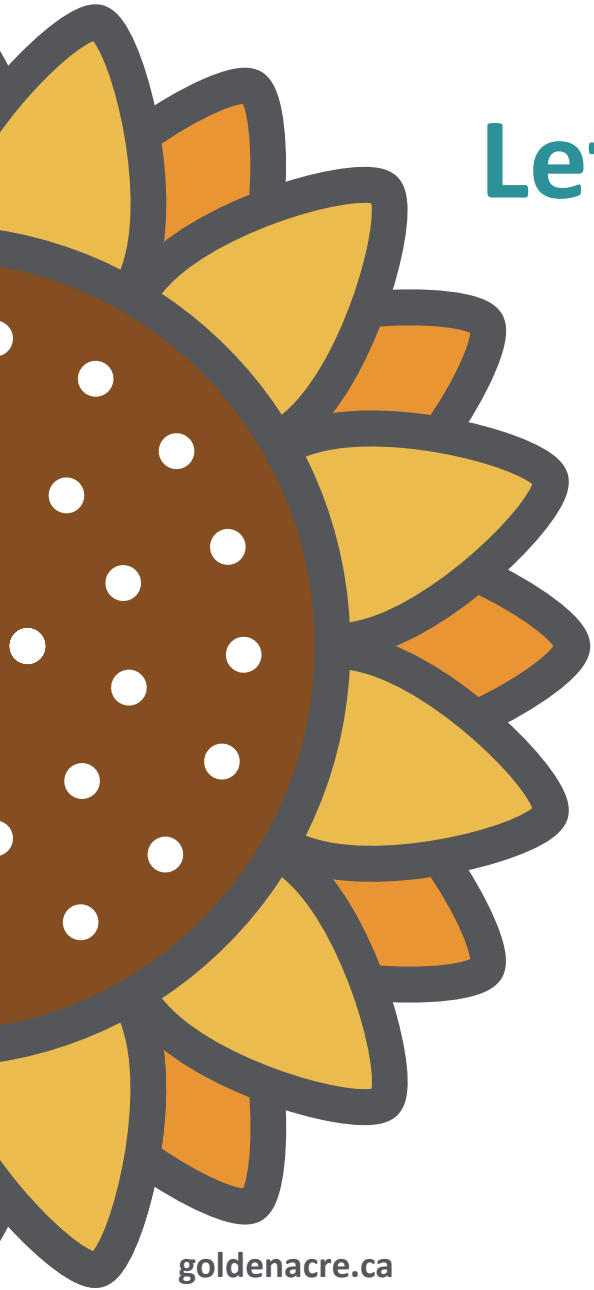
- Tomatoes.
- Strawberry.
- Cucumber.
- Peppers.
- Basil.
- Lavender.



## Shade.

- Kale
- Lettuce
- Spinach
- Arugula
- Chives
- Dill





# Let's plant!!!

- Container/pot.
- Soil.
- Layout.
- Planting.
- Water.
- Fertilizer.



A stylized illustration of a watering can with a teal body and a dark grey handle and spout. Water is being poured from the spout, represented by five small teal circles with white centers.

## Watering.

- Check regularly.
- Water as needed.
- Over watering can cause root rot and allow a breeding ground for various pathogens.
- Under watering can result in poor production of fruits and flowers.
- One rule does not apply. Even the same type of planters may require different schedules.
- Early day watering is best.

# Fertilizing!

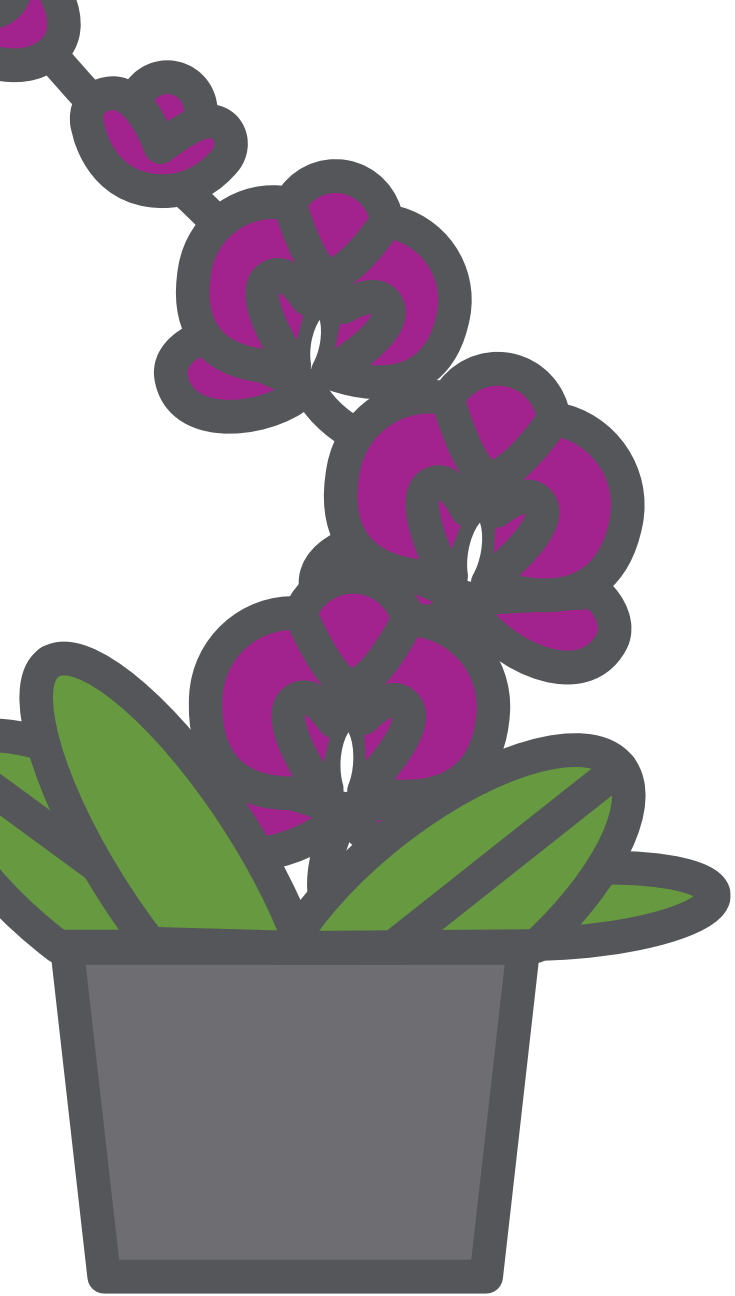
- Follow manufacturers guidelines.
- Select the type of fertilizer that's right for you and your plants.
- Avoid high nitrogen.
- Essential –
  - For tomatoes (blossom end rot).
  - For new blooms.
  - Overall health.
  - Robust growth.
  - Fertilize all year.



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## Deadheads! (not the hippies)

- Removal of “old” flowers.
- Clean cut or break.
- Ensures new blooms.
- Energy goes to bloom creation not seed creation.
- Allows longer blooming period.
- Aesthetically pleasing.
- Beneficial to pollinators.



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THANK YOU.

