



Keeping plants in decorative pots, barrels, or any other type of container requires different care than those in the ground. The most important aspect to consider is drainage. When water has no where to go it sits around and can be deadly for your precious plants. Make sure that the containers you choose have at least one hole in the bottom to allow water to escape.

Put a layer of crushed rock at the bottom, followed by soil separator fabric (or weed fabric), then pour potting soil on top. A good potting soil has bark and/or sand for drainage. This setup will let the water run freely through the soil and the rocks, and also keep the hole from getting clogged with soil or roots. Because water is leaving the container, potted plants need regular watering - every day in summer and during dry spells in winter. Finally, container plants don't have the luxury of spreading their roots to new, nutrient-rich places. This means that the soil in your pot should be fertilized regularly to ensure that your plants have everything they need to thrive. Once temperatures are above 55°, add an all-purpose fertilizer (or something more specific for your plants) every 1-2 months or as directed.

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