



# FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

## Container Gardening with Mr. Anderson

Spring is here and colorful annuals, gorgeous new containers, and seasonal staples are making their way to our greenhouses. And as those carts of beautiful blooms roll out, we know it's time for one of our favorite pastimes- container gardening! This week's Garden Guru webinar features a special guest: our founder, and horticultural savant, Eddie Anderson. With a lifetime of gardening experience from both Mike, the Garden Guru, and Mr. Anderson, you will learn about how to take the splendor of spring and capture it in an easy-to-make custom container. From plant choices to best practices, all you need to bring is your creativity.

### Getting Inspired - Why Grow in Containers?

Container gardening can provide flexibility and variety for your garden. If you have a very full garden already or if you don't have access to a lawn or bed for gardening, growing in containers can give you that bright pop of color you are looking for on your porch or patio.

### Container Gardening 101

What do you need to make containers? The main 3 things you need are plants, a container, and soil. There is great importance to the quality of these 3 items to make sure your containers are successful.

#### 1. Potting Soil:

When planting a container, it is essential to get a good potting soil. A rich potting soil gives nutrients to the plants potted in the soil. Try our McDonald Garden Center Potting Soil in regular or natural and organic for your containers.

#### 2. Containers - choose a material that works for you:

- Decorative Plastic
- Glazed Ceramic
- Terracotta
- Hanging Baskets

For more information on types of containers for your plants, see the Garden Guru's seminar on How to Contain your Garden here.

*PRO TIP: It is important to make sure the container you choose drains water efficiently. This is so your pots don't damage the plants by holding onto too much water. This is a good rule of thumb for all container planting.*

#### 3. Picking the Plants:

Picking out your plants is the best part of container gardening! After you find plants that you like, pair well together, and have the same requirements, then you can decide how you want to arrange them.

Keep in mind whether your container is going to be in the sun or shade, as that will determine the plants you choose. If you need help picking compatible plants, ask one of our Green Team members for expert advice.

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### THRILLER, FILLER, SPILLER

If you are trying to find plants that go together well, one of the best ways to make a balanced container is our “Thriller, Filler, Spiller” method.

- **Thriller** – usually adds some height and can provide pizzazz to your container garden.
- **Filler** – Fills up the container just above the rim of the pot.
- **Spiller** – Trails over the side of your container.

### Mr. Anderson’s Top Plants for Containers

#### Houseplants:

- Cordylines
- Alocasia
- Crotons
- Bromeliads
- Syngonium
- Ferns
- Succulents & Cacti
- Dracaena
- Anthuriums
- Swedish Ivy
- Stomathe

#### Edibles:

- Banana Trees
- Herbs
- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Cole Crops

#### Annuals:

- Begonias
- Sweet Potato Vine
- Sweet Alyssum
- Million Bells
- Impatiens
- Caladiums
- Petunias

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