Hanging Baskets
Tips for Long-Lasting, Colorful Baskets & Planters Summer to Fall

How much should I water?
- April & May - water every 1 to 3 days depending on the weather. Don’t water if the soil is sopping wet.
- June thru October - water daily rain or shine. Soil Moist can be used to cut watering to every other day. You may have to water twice a day if the temperature is over 95 degrees and the plants are wilting.

What kind of Fertilizer should I use and how much?
- Bonide Guard and Grow is great for hanging baskets. Use it every 6 weeks at the rate of 1/2 cup per 12” basket for proven insect control with slow release fertilizer.
- Another great option is to use Young’s Slow Release fertilizer every 6 to 8 weeks at the recommended rate on the package.
- For spectacular baskets also add Fertilome Blooming & Rooting Food at least once a week at the rate of one teaspoon per gallon of water.

What to do about bugs?
- Unseen bugs left unchecked will make your baskets lose their vibrant color and look tired. You need to eliminate bugs from June thru September.
- Easy no-spray remedy: For aphids, thrips & spider mites sprinkle 1/2 cup Bonide Guard & Grow for each 12” basket every 6 weeks. Water without letting water run thru excessively for first 5 days, then normal watering afterwards.
- Alternative: mix 2 Tbs. Bonide Rose Systemic Drench per gallon of water. Water with this mix monthly when the basket is moist to get good absorption. Use when temperature is below 80 degrees.
- If you notice flowers being eaten, mix and spray baskets to the point of runoff with Bonide Capt. Jack’s Deadbug. Budworms are the culprits and especially like petunias and geraniums.
- Slugs & earwigs eat both foliage and flowers in planters; Corry’s Bug Bait is the most effective remedy.
- Dust or spray with Sevin if yellow “ladybugs” (cucumber beetles) are seen on the plants.

Should I dead-head or cut the plants back?
- Depending on the plants in your basket you may or may not need to dead-head. Ask Youngs to recommend baskets that do not need dead-heading if you want easy care. Baskets can be cut back for shaping or fullness. Youngs cuts baskets back several times while growing, so severe pruning is unnecessary.

Is there an easy way to prevent one-sided baskets?
- For uniform growth and bloom use a swivel hanger available at Youngs.