

# How to Care for Your Hanging Basket



**Congratulations!** You are now the owner of a gorgeous PNW-grown Premium Annual Hanging basket from [Van Wingerden Greenhouses](#).

If you've never taken care of a hanging basket before (or just need a refresher), this guide will help you grow a luscious basket full of blooms that last all summer long!

## **SUNLIGHT**

*If your hanging basket has a yellow “sun” tag:*

Hang your hanging basket in a **full-sun** location. Direct sun (5 or more hours per day of sun) is ideal for this basket for optimal growth, but it will also tolerate partial sun or partial shade.

*If your hanging basket has a blue “shade” tag:*

Hang your hanging basket in a **full-shade** location, like a shady porch. Some morning or late afternoon sun might be okay, but too much direct light will cause some of the plants in the basket to burn.

## **WATER**

Hanging baskets are thirsty!

If your hanging basket is in full sun, or the temperatures outside are consistently above 70°, it should be watered thoroughly **every day**.

Water with a hose or watering can. If using a hose, a watering wand attachment will be very helpful. Allow the water to fully drain through the basket until it is running out of the bottom.

If the dirt in your basket has become hard and compacted, try soaking the basket in a bucket of water to ensure it soaks up the water it needs. Try to loosen up the dirt by poking holes in it.

## **FEED**

Flowers need food, too!

**Our secret for big baskets?** Fertilize with an all-purpose fertilizer **every time you water** throughout the growing season (May-August). Use one teaspoon per gallon of water. Do one weekly flush with clear water.

Alternately, you can use a slow-release fertilizer like Osmocote – one application will last 6 months.

Ensuring that the plants in your hanging baskets have sufficient nutrients ensures fullness, prolific blooms, and healthy-looking foliage. Don't skip out on this crucial step!