SUGGESTED PLANTS FOR CONTAINERS

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The following are just some of the many possible container plants. Spring and summer bulbs; many dwarf, midget, and small vegetables, herbs, shrubs, trees (especially evergreens); bush fruit, fruit trees, and plants usually grown as houseplants can be used to beautify an outdoor planting. When selecting woody and herbaceous perennial plants to overwinter outdoors, select plants that are hardy at least two USDA hardiness zones north of your site. For example, Trenton is USDA hardiness zone 6. Perennial and woody plants for containers should be hardy to at least zone 4.

Full SUN to Part Sun
Ageratum
Alyssum
Bachelor's button
Begonia, wax
Calendula
Callibrachoa (million
bells)
Candytuft, annual
Canna, dwarf
Carnation, dwarf
Celosia
Dahlia
Dianthus
Gazania
Geranium, ivy
Geranium, zonal
Lantana
Lobelia
Lysimachia
Marigold
Narcissus
Nicotiana
Nierembergia
Pansy
Petunia
Phlox
Portulaca
Ranunculus
Salvia
Sanvitalia
Scaevola
Snapdragon
Sweet pea
Thunbergia
Tigridia
Tulip
Verbena
Vinca rosea
Zinnia
Vegetables and herbs

Light to Part SHADE

Light to 1 art SHADE
Achimenes
Alyssum
Bachelor's button
Balsam, garden
Begonia, tuberous
Begonia, wax
Browallia
Caladium
Calendula
Candytuft, annual
Coleus
Crinum
Dahlia
Dianthus
Dusty miller
Fuchsia
Geranium, ivy
Impatiens
Kenilworth ivy
Lobelia
Lysimachia
Narcissus
Nasturtium
Nicotiana
Nierembergia
Pansy
Primrose
Salvia
Tigridia
Torenia
Tulip
Vinca spp.

Medium SHADE

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Begonia, wax
Coleus
Ferns
Impatiens
Kenilworth ivy
Lysimachia
Vinca major
Vinca minor