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Standard Care for Shade Baskets and Planters

Begonia
Fuchsia
Impatiens
New Guinea Impatiens
Steptocarpella

Part Sun/Shade – direct sunlight during the morning and shade after noon

(if you have a location that does not get direct sunlight during any part of the day, use Dragon Wing or Richmondensis Begonia)

Fertilizer – fertilize with Daniels 10-4-3 (1 teaspoons per gallon) with every 6 waterings and water with plain water on the 7th watering. Dragon Wing Begonia requires 2 teaspoons per gallon.

Water – do not allow plant to wilt since some plants will not recover, but also do not let soil stay excessively wet which may cause root rot. The best way to determine if the basket needs water is by lifting the basket and telling by the weight of the basket: lift basket after 1st watering to determine the weight of the basket when it's wet. When you lift the basket and it feels light it needs water. Water thoroughly until it drips through the bottom drainage hole.

During the heat of summer some baskets may require watering every day or even twice daily. Don't expect rain to be sufficient (too much of the rain is shed by the foliage).