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Standard Care for Sun Baskets and Planters

Angelonia
Begonia (Bonfire, Dragon Wing & Solenia)
Bouganvillea
Bractanthea (Strawflower)
Calibrachoa
Dipladenia
Geranium
Lantana

Lobelia
Lobularia (Alyssum)
Nemesia
Osteospermum
Petunia
Snapdragon
Torenia
Verbena

Full Sun – minimum of 6 hours direct sunlight, primarily afternoon sun (Lobelia, Lobularia, Nemesia, Osteospermum & Snapdragon bloom longer during heat of summer if they get 2 hours shade in afternoon)

Fertilizer – fertilize with Daniels 10-4-3 (2 teaspoons per gallon) with every 6 waterings and water with plain water on the 7th watering. **Wave Petunias** – fertilize with Daniels 10-4-3 (1 Tablespoon per gallon) with every 6 waterings and water with plain water on the 7th watering. **Note:** the key with Wave petunias is fertilizer! Due to their vigorous growth and profuse flowering, they need a lot of feed to keep going, especially in planters and baskets.

Water – do not allow plant to wilt since some plants will not recover (especially verbena), 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).