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Container Garden Magic



Dust the cobwebs out of your favorite pot—summer is almost here! Are you tired of the same old plantings year after year? Try the following tips to add new textures, colors and wow to your container gardens this year.

Ever put a houseplant in your container garden? Use houseplants and tropicals for their leaf texture, colorful leaves, and unique shape. *Croton Petra* has a rainbow of colors within every leaf adding color and vibrancy while *Cordyline* with their purple and mauve leaves will add dramatic height to any container. *Ferns* although green are great for adding texture. *Foxtail*, *Maiden Hair* and *Boston* will all add dimension and interest to any pot.

Looking for a spiller that isn't sweet potato vine? Put *Dichondra Silver Falls* on your list this year. Its velvety, silver leaf will make any pot look like a statement piece as its vines spill over the edges of planters like cascading waterfalls (pictured above). Another great spiller has to be *lotus vine*, better known as *Parrot's Beak*. Its blue/green foliage only gets better with the added orange flowers reminiscent of a parrot's beak. Neither one of these options will overtake your other plants making it the perfect match for any container combo.

Reach for the Sky

When in doubt, go up and cover up! Vines offer a valuable solution for screening off unsightly areas or for blocking less than lovely views. Because they are fast growers they quickly provide a finished look when added to a trellis, pergola, arbor or chain-link fence.

Clematis

Probably most well-known of all vines, clematis offers a wide range of colorful blooms as well as varying heights. While some grow to under 5' others can climb as high as 10'. Clematis prefer to have their roots shaded, however, the rest of the vine enjoys at least 6 hours of sun. Plant two different colors side by side and allow them to weave through each other. The results are beautiful!



Honeysuckle

Quick growers with sweet, fragrant flowers, "Major Wheeler", "Goldflame" and "Mandarin" are all great varieties for attracting hummingbirds. These drought tolerant, sun-lovers will need a little pruning to keep them from getting too out of control.

Climbing Hydrangea

Treasured for its clusters of creamy white fragrant blooms and rich green glossy leaves, climbing hydrangea is a bit of a slow grower, but well worth the wait. This big vine will need partial sun, good support, and room to grow as it reaches upwards of 15'.



May Garden Tips

- May is the time to repair your lawn. Fill in any bare spots by loosening the soil surface, sprinkle down grass seed and apply a light application of *Jonathan Green Seeding & Sodding Lawn Food*. Water the new seed daily for three weeks.
- Don't know what to get your mom and grandma for Mother's Day? A Knupper Gift Card is something they are sure to love!
- Bring indoor tropical plants outside for their summer vacation. Gradually get them used to the wind and sun by putting them out for just an hour or two a day and slowly increasing their time outdoors.



- Plant some new varieties of vegetables in your garden! 'Chello' a yellow cherry tomato, has a super sweet flavor and is just right for salads or eating straight from your hand. 'Valencia Orange' is an orange bell pepper that grows 4 ½ inch fruits and is perfect for use in salads, sandwiches or cooked in a stir-fry.
- Place a pot of herbs as close as possible to the kitchen for easy access. Chives, parsley, oregano and mint are all ready to go out now. Basil loves hot weather, so wait a couple more weeks before putting it outside.

Best & Brightest



Without a doubt, the *Cityline* series of plants have some of the best and brightest hydrangea colors we've ever seen. Developed in Germany, these amazing plants were selected not only for this wide array of colors, but also for their thick, glossy green foliage and tight, compact growth habit.

Early summer flowers of this family of hydrangea are produced from buds formed during the previous growing season. So, don't trim these hydrangeas down at the end of the year, or early spring, or you will remove flowers for the upcoming season. The *Cityline* series of hydrangeas requires little to no pruning since plants will only get 2-3' tall and wide. Each season just remove spent flowers; that's it!

As with most macrophylla hydrangeas (also called 'Big Leaf'), the color of flowers can be changed from pink to blue depending on soil acidity; here in the Midwest, your flowers will typically be pink. If you want to change the flower color to blue, simply add *Espoma Soil Acidifier* around your plants.

Knupper's will be carrying the *Cityline Mars, Paris, Rio and Venice* for spring and summer. Stop by and see why *Cityline Hydrangeas* have won over the hearts and gardens of homeowners across the globe.

The Secret to Success

Knupper's prides itself on having quality plants that homeowners will be happy with for years to come. Of course, buying a quality plant means nothing if you (and the plants) aren't given the proper tools to succeed. That is why Knupper's has come up with what we like to call a 'Success Kit.'

Our 'Success Kit' includes 3 things to make your plant grow successfully.

1. ***Espoma Bio-Tone*** – an organic starter fertilizer that helps your plants' roots system get established.
2. ***Cotton Burr Compost*** – a soil conditioner that provides nutrients to your plants, aerates and loosens our soil.
3. ***Hardwood Mulch*** – helps retain moisture in the ground, keeps the weeds down and moderates soil temperature during the season.

As if these products weren't great enough on their own, when you purchase and use them when planting, you will extend the warranty on your trees, shrubs, and evergreens to 1 year from the purchase date!



Call us to schedule your landscape design appointment

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 4 1:00 pm

Best Lawn in Town

Join John Heaton, lawn care expert and owner of Knupper's, as he shares his years of experience to help you get a greener, healthier lawn. This free seminar is sure to get your lawn growing in the right direction.



Saturday, May 6 9:00 am

Made in the Shade

This popular seminar will have you looking at your shady garden in a whole new light. Learn which perennials and shrubs are happiest growing in shady areas. Soil prep, pruning and plant care will also be addressed.



Saturday, May 13 9:00am

Our Favorite Annuals

There are literally thousands of gorgeous annuals at Knupper's. How are you supposed to choose which ones to plant? Join Alison as she reviews her top choices based on flower color, uniqueness, durability and the most bang for your buck!

Saturday, May 20 9:00 am

Tomato Time

Fed up with cracked tomatoes? Can't figure out why your plants aren't producing? Join Knupper's for a free seminar on all things tomatoes. Learn how to plant, fertilize, water, stake and get the juiciest tomatoes ever!



Saturday, May 27 9:00am

Patriotic Container Workshop

Plant up a take home planter bursting with patriotic color just in time for Memorial Day. A perfect gift for your favorite Veteran. Pre-registration is required along with a fee of \$39.99 plus tax. Workshop includes pot, soil and red, white, and blue flowers.

Some Like It Hot

With all the peppers on the market today it can be a challenge to determine which one is right for your gardening and cooking needs. Take the guess-work out of pepper shopping with these helpful tips.

It's true some like it hot, but many others like it mild. For the less adventurous the bell pepper is a perfect fit. Varieties like *California Wonder*, *Big Bertha* and *Whopper* have mild tastes that are the perfect complement to fajitas and salsas.

The higher the Scoville heat rating the more intense the heat of the pepper becomes. For a bolder, spicier taste try *Anaheim*, *Poblano* and *Jalapeno*. With a Scoville heat unit between 2500-8000, Jalapenos have a kick but won't leave you feeling like your tongue is on fire. These peppers are perfect to add to dishes that need just a hint of heat.

If your pepper philosophy is "the hotter, the better," try *Cayenne* and *Thai peppers* weighing in with a heat unit rating of 50,000 or more. For those brave souls that like it really hot say hello to the *Ghost pepper* holding a Scoville rating of over 1 million heat units. Stop in and shop all our pepper varieties.



We can help you design your container gardens



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	May
Mon-Fri	8:00 - 8:00
Saturday	8:00 - 8:00
Sunday	9:00 - 6:00

May 29
Memorial Day 8:00 - 5:00



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Citrus Lovers Rejoice!

With summer just around the corner, growing your own citrus is a great pleasure. Lemons, limes, and oranges make great container plants for patios and sunny windows. Why not try one out this summer and enjoy fresh fruits picked from your very own home!

All citrus prefer slightly acidic soil. A peat based potting mix will supply your plant with the right amount of acidity. Give your new citrus the most light you can provide with at least 6 hours of full sunlight. They will love a sunny window or a bright corner of your patio where they can thrive all summer long.

Don't forget the fertilizer. Try *Espoma Citrus-Tone*. The right boost of nutrients will go a long way in flowering and producing fruit. Keep plants well watered as they prefer not to dry out. Why not try these low-maintenance fruits in your home this year?