

CROP CHEAT SHEET:

EASY-TO-GROW EDIBLES FOR CONTAINERS

Crop	Min. Container Size / Depth	Days to Harvest	Sunlight	Quick Tip
Lettuce	6–8 inches deep	30–60 days	Partial to Full	Harvest outer leaves to keep growing (“cut and come again”).
Radish	6 inches deep	25–35 days	Full Sun	Great for fast results. Keep soil moist and loose.
Bush Beans	8–10 inches deep	50–60 days	Full Sun	Does not need a trellis. Water when soil dries at the top.
Tomatoes	5-gallon container min.	60–85 days	Full Sun (6–8+ hr)	Use a cage or stake early. Feed regularly with balanced fertilizer.
Cucumbers	5-gallon container min.	55–70 days	Full Sun	Bush varieties are best for containers. Trellis if needed.
Zucchini	15–20 gallons	45–65 days	Full Sun	Needs space and heavy feeding. Look for “compact” types.
Spinach	6 inches deep	35–50 days	Partial to Full	Bolts in heat — best planted in cooler temps.
Green Onions	4–6 inches deep	20–30 days (tops)	Full Sun	Regrows after cutting tops. Harvest small for best flavor.
Peppers	3–5 gallons	60–90 days	Full Sun	Hot and sweet varieties both thrive in containers.
Basil	6 inches deep	30–60 days	Full Sun	Pinch flowers to keep it leafy and growing.
Swiss Chard	8–10 inches deep	50–60 days	Full Sun	Heat-tolerant and colorful. Cut outer leaves to harvest.
Carrots	12 inches deep	60–80 days	Full Sun	Choose short or round varieties for small containers.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

- ✓ **Start small.** One or two crops in containers you already have is a great first step.
- ✓ **Use quality soil.** Container mix with compost works best.
- ✓ **Feed consistently.** Use your fertilizing tracker to stay on schedule.
- ✓ **Sun is key.** Most crops need 6+ hours of sun daily.
- ✓ **Water deeply.** Don’t just wet the top; soak the root zone.