I. Introduction

II. Sun Exposure Requirements
   a. Fruiting veggies need 8 hours sun a day – South or West facing
   b. Leafy green veggies and herbs need 4 – 6 hours of sun (morning sun only is ok)
      East facing

III. Start with a container
   A. Size – the larger the container, the more you can grow.
      a. Large plants like tomatoes, squash and cucumbers need large pots (14” or larger)
      b. Smaller plants like herbs, salad greens, peppers can grow in smaller pots (12” or smaller)
   B. Materials – plastic, terracotta, glazed, fiber resin, found items

IV. Potting Soil
   A. Look for organic potting soil if possible.
   B. Types of soil available
   C. Some good commercial brands: Cedar Grove, Whitney Farms Black Gold

V. Easy Edibles for Containers – look for dwarf, bush or “compact” varieties
   A. Vegetables
   B. Berries and fruit
   C. Herbs
      a. Annual - Need smaller containers
      b. Perennial – Need larger containers

VI. Ornamentals for Containers - annual edible flowers are great companions to vegetables

VII. Organic Maintenance and Pest Control
   A. Fertilizers – use Organic liquid fertilizer added every 2 – 3 weeks for large containers, 1 – 2 weeks for small containers.
      a. Nitrogen fertilizers for leafy greens, squash and as a starter fertilizer when plants are young.
      b. Phosphorus and Potassium (Bloom Food) for flowering and fruiting stage
      c. Some good commercial brands Age Old Organics, Alaska
   B. Pests
      a. Soap Sprays for aphids, mites
      b. Alcohol for scale and mealy bug
      c. Sand mulch for Fungus gnats
      d. Sticky traps for whiteflies

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