

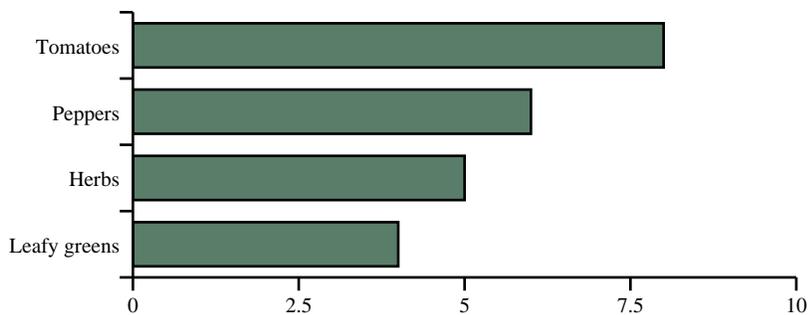
# Container and Patio Gardening

Small space, big harvest. Use this guide to match crops to container size and sunlight.

## Container Size Chart

Crop	Minimum Pot Size	Notes
Herbs	6 to 8 inches	Great for windows and patios
Leafy greens	8 to 10 inches	Shallow trays work
Peppers	3 to 5 gallons	Use a sturdy pot
Tomatoes	5 to 10 gallons	Indeterminate needs 10+
Cucumbers	5 to 7 gallons	Add a trellis

## Sunlight Needs (Hours per Day)



## Watering Rhythm

Containers dry out faster than in-ground beds. Check moisture daily during hot weather and water until it runs out the drain holes.

## Container Mix Recipe

Ingredient	Share	Notes
Potting mix	About 70%	Use a quality, well-draining mix
Compost	About 20%	Adds nutrients and moisture holding
Perlite or bark	About 10%	Boosts drainage and airflow

## Drainage Checklist

- Confirm every pot has drainage holes before planting.
- Use pot feet or bricks so water can escape.
- Avoid letting containers sit in standing water.

## Compost and Natural Boost Schedule

Timing	What to Do
Planting day	Blend compost into the potting mix
Every 2 to 3 weeks	Top dress with a thin layer of compost
Mid-season	Refresh mulch and add a compost boost

### Disclaimer

This guide is informational only. Weather, soil, and microclimates can vary from yard to yard.

### Sources

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