## Perfect Pots Watering & Care Guide

## Watering Best Practices:

- -Never use water from a salt-softened source. Salt is harmful to plants!
  - -Water in the mornings if possible.
  - -We recommend Bloom Booster fertilizer, which can be purchased at Perfect Pots greenhouse or we are happy to deliver it with your seasonal plantings.

**Early Spring:** While the temps are mild (up to 70 degrees), check your planter every 2 days to see if it needs watered. Once the temps rise above 70, you will need to check daily to see if your planter needs watered. When the top of the potting soil is light brown or dry to the touch or plants are beginning to wilt, it is time to water. Give each planter 1 gallon of water. You may include 1 scoop of fertilizer (we love Bloom Booster!) to really make your planters happy. Pinching back leggy plants and spent blooms occasionally will keep plants productive & healthy.

Late Spring/Summer Plantings: Check your planter daily to see if it needs watered. When the top of the soil is dry to the touch, soil is light brown, or when plants begin to wilt, it is time to water. Give each planter I gallon of water daily or every 2 days depending on size of planter and if it is sun/shade. You may include I scoop of fertilizer (we love Bloom Booster!) to really make your planters happy. . Do not be afraid to give your plants "haircuts" midsummer so that they do not get out of control!

**Fall Plantings:** If temps are above 80 degrees, check your planter daily for watering needs. Cabbages & mums will wilt if thirsty. When the soil is dry to the touch, light brown, or when plants begin to wilt it is time to water. Once the weather cools off, check every 3 days for water. Give each planter  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 gallon of water depending on size of planter. You may include 1 scoop of fertilizer (we love Bloom Booster!) to really make your planters happy. Pinch or cut off dead blooms.

**Winter Plantings:** Winter planters are easy! They require little to no maintenance. Keep the soil moist during any warmer spells, but no watering is required when temperatures are consistently below 40 degrees.

We're always here to answer your container gardening questions any time of year! If you like, leave it to the experts! We offer maintenance and trimming for your pots as well as vacation watering services throughout the season.

We hope you enjoy your PERFECT POTS!