



## GROWING VEGETABLES IN POTS

**Location, location:** One advantage of growing plants in pots is you can move them around to suit the seasons. Choose a partial sunny place in Summer and full sun in Winter.

**Getting started:** Choose a quality seedling potting mix and start your seeds in seedling trays.

**Transplanting:** Plant your seedling out in the pots when they are looking strong. For example, a tomato seedling must have a few strong looking branches and be around 5cm high.



**We like them BIG:** Get as large a pot as you can fit in the area you are going to use.

**Improve the soil:** Use Seasol on a regular basis, about once a fortnight. Seasol is not a fertiliser, it is a water conditioner. It is preferable to use a light dose of Seasol sprinkled from a watering can.

**Feed:** Fertilise with a good quality fertiliser. I prefer a foliar fertiliser put on with a watering can once a month.

Again, use the minimum dose on a regular basis, this is far better than a strong dose less frequent.

**Support:** Vegetables like tomatoes need to climb and be kept off the ground. I generally tie a string above them and use tomato clips to assist the branches to hold the fruit.

**Pest Control:** Use organic methods to keep pests and insects away. Try planting marigold flowers close by. Boil some chillies in a brew and allow it to cool and soak for a few days, strain and place in a spray bottle. Spray this on your plants when required, but remember to wash the vegetables thoroughly before eating!

Enjoy!

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