

## Tips for placement of flower boxes

Flower boxes will do best in a sunny location or a location that receives bright sunlight for a good part of the day.

There are some wonderful shade plantings that can also be used.

If you're using your window box as flower box planter instead, you can place them on fences, decks, railings or balconies -- anywhere you want to create miniature pocket gardens to add color, fragrance and texture to your

### Choosing the correct size & style flower boxes

#### 1. Window boxes look better and more balanced when they're a little wider than the actual window itself.

You can purchase a box the exact width of the window and it will still look fine. But if you have shutters, measure from the left mid-shutter to the right mid-shutter (or at least 3" inches past the window on each side) for the best look

2. **The style of a window box should match the architectural integrity of your home.** With the idea of many different style homes in mind, our window box design will enhance the look of almost any home.

### Planting tips for flower boxes

Flowerboxes, being long and narrow, cause some gardeners to make the mistake of planting a single subject and setting the plants in a row. Try to avoid doing this because it looks too regimented and unimaginative. Aim for more shape in the design by using a mixture of plants in a zigzag pattern, varying in sizes and texture.

Go for a layered design like the diagram above: use the tallest plants in the back, with the shorter and bushy plants along the middle rows. The front of the flower box should be planted with trailers to give your box that overflowing effect that is quite gorgeous.

Keep in mind the weather patterns where you garden as well. If the area your box is placed is prone to wind, it's best to avoid long trailing plants (such as ivies) because they'll be lashed around and damaged. In this case, go for sturdy, bushy plants or moderate trailers.

Don't be afraid to have some fun with your designs. If something doesn't look right or work, pull it out and try

#### **And remember:**

During hot summer months, **water thoroughly and often!** Regular watering, of your box is essential to achieve the results and look you want, especially if the flower boxes are in full sun.

Nourish your plants every two weeks with a water-soluble fertilizer as a basic feeding program. Follow manufacturer's directions for the specific product you select.

Keep your flowerboxes happy and beautiful by removing spent blooms. Decaying flowers and leaves left on nearby soil may encourage bacteria growth.