

# The Country Basket Garden Center

## Annual Flowers Section

Annual flowers need to be planted each year but give a blast of color all season long until a hard frost comes. Annuals add the finishing touch to a landscape that allows you to personalize your yard with choices of every color under the rainbow.

We make it easy for you to succeed with your flower beds and containers! Our staff is always available to guide you to choose the right plants for the right spot. Take advantage of our expert tips so that your flowers will flourish.

### Five Steps to Fantastic Color:

**1**

#### **The best flowers start with a well prepared bed**

Most flowers love soft well-drained soils. To turn even the worst dirt into “Super Soil”, add organic matter.

**2**

#### **Select Well**

Sun-loving plants generally do poorly in shade, and shade-loving plants scorch in the sun. Each kind of plant is well marked to determine where it goes best. You usually need 2 or 3 sizes of flowers to give your bed a three dimensional look. Solid blocks of color show better than flower mixes. Think of yourself painting your landscape with a paint brush. Our staff is always there to help you out if you want.

**3**

#### **Plant Carefully**

Scrape the roots with your fingers to break up the outside roots a bit. With a trowel move the mulch aside slightly and plant the plant and press the soil around the roots. Water thoroughly.

**4**

#### **Tidy your beds on a regular basis**

Keep the weeds from getting a good start. It is much easier to remove them when they are small. Mulch will keep 90% of the weeds out. Remove dead blossoms when you are in your beds looking for weeds. This “deadheading” is needed only on dead blooms that are unsightly or where you see seed pods. Deadheading extends the flowering period of most flowers and keeps your bed sharper looking. Water only as needed by soaking the beds without watering the leaves much. Lots of sprinkler watering on the leaves promotes disease and rotting in the plants. Fertilize every 2 weeks with our liquid fertilizer. (See free fertilizer program)

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#### **Enjoy the compliments of your neighbors and passers-by.**

You deserve praise for adding such beauty to the community.