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A guide to getting the best from your
potted plants in Western Australia

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A potted garden is a fantastic way to enjoy growing plants, especially if your outdoor space is limited or non-existent. Potted plants provide you with a garden where there isn't one. Along a side fence, on a balcony, outside a window or indoors. There's almost no limit to what you can grow in a container.

Follow these few pointers and you'll be surprised at just how many varieties you can successfully cultivate.

Top plants for potting

Choose plants that will do well in sun or shade, depending on where you plan to keep them. Check the tags on the plants for details.

A few of our favourites to pot:

1. Succulents. These tough customers laugh at the heat
2. Petunias in summer and in full sun
3. Azaleas for a blaze of colour in sheltered, semi shaded areas
4. Herbs close to the kitchen such as basil and chives



Choose a good quality potting mix

Have you ever potted a new plant up carefully, watered it well, but it failed to thrive? It might not be the lack of a green thumb that was the culprit. The choice of potting mix is a critical one and they vary enormously.

When buying always look for the **Australian Standards Mark logo 3743**. A number of different tests are completed by the manufacturers of these products to ensure quality and performance. These are broken down into two levels of quality.

 **Black tick or regular grade potting mix** - These mixes are stable and well drained but do not contain controlled release fertiliser to nourish plants beyond the day of potting.

 **Red tick or premium grade potting mix** - These include at least 3 months supply of nutrients from controlled release fertiliser and often other additives such as wetting agents.

Be kind to your plants - do not expose them to non-Standard Mark mixes. Using a premium potting mix will save you time, effort and money in the long run. Your plants will thrive in the mix from day one and you need only pot and water. Valuable plants can be entrusted to a red tick mix.

What makes the difference?

Baileys Premium Potting Mix:

- **Is fully composted** - It's stable and won't strip nutrients from your plants to facilitate the breakdown of immature organic material. The composting process also ensures no weed seeds and plant pathogens remain.
- **Has added controlled release fertiliser** - Contains two types of control release fertilisers, a 3 to 4 month release gets your plant established and an 8 to 9 month release keeps them going.
- **Has optimal air-filled porosity** - Aged, finely sieved pine bark chips are incorporated into the mix to provide structure and air spaces. Air is an essential ingredient for plant roots as they take up oxygen in order to grow.
- **Has an added wetting agent** - **Grosorb** has been added to the mix to ensure good moisture penetration and even drainage. Drainage is important as water-logged patches can lead to root death through drowning.
- **Is suitable for almost all plant varieties** - Including potted vegetables, herbs, flowers, shrubs, trees, citrus and fruit trees and most natives. Use for houseplants, hanging baskets, patio tubs, outdoor potted plants and when re-potting.

Hot Tip
Ideally use up all your potting mix in one go and get fresh material for the next job. If re-using remember to seal your bag well in storage to avoid contamination.

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