

# Sun Basket Fertilizing Schedule

## **Fertilizing**

One of the most frequently asked questions we get is, "WHAT do you feed your hanging baskets?!" The answers are pictured below. We use 2 different products made by Ferti•lome™. Both products are water soluble. The first product is Blooming and Rooting 9-58-8. That high middle number is phosphorus, which helps to push the blooms and roots, just as the label says! The second is a basic, well balanced fertilizer known as Geranium, Hanging Basket & Pansy Fertilizer an all-purpose 20-20-20. Using these products together will keep your baskets looking great all summer long! We fertilize every other time we water our hanging baskets and containers and we alternate those fertilizations between these two products. The recommended dosage is 1 teaspoon of fertilizer per gallon of water.



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## Example for fertilizing *Sun* Baskets and Containers:

Monday: Clear Water

Tuesday: 9-58-8

Wed: Clear Water

Thurs: 20-20-20

Friday: Clear Water

Saturday: 9-58-8

Sunday: Clear Water

Monday: 20-20-20

Continue this cycle throughout the ☺ summer and you will be the talk of town.

## **Watering**

Watering is tricky, especially in the spring and early summer when our temperatures can fluctuate quickly. It's important to check your baskets/containers prior to watering to see if they actually need water. Stick your finger in the soil up to the second knuckle and if the soil is dry at the tip of your finger, then it is time to water. If it is still wet, then wait awhile and check again before watering. In the Heat of the summer, baskets/containers may need to be watered more than once a day. This is especially true for those windy days! It is best to water until you see drainage out of the bottom of the basket/container. Coming back and repeating this a second time 10-15 minutes later insures a deep complete watering.

Also, please remember when a basket is over watered it may look the same as being underwatered!