

**URBAN GARDENING 101**

# Resource List

Growing in Containers

**NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY



## CONTAINERS

- **Old Town Fiberglass ([oldtownfiberglass.com](http://oldtownfiberglass.com))**  
Designers of our custom green fiberglass planters in the Edible Garden
- **Anawalt Lumber ([anawaltlumber.com](http://anawaltlumber.com))**  
Source for pottery and other containers, as well as edible nursery plants
- **Armstrong Garden Centers ([armstronggarden.com](http://armstronggarden.com))**  
For pottery, containers and plants

## SOIL FOR CONTAINERS

A balance between good drainage and good moisture retention is key

- **LGM Potting Soil ([lgmsoil.com](http://lgmsoil.com))**  
Our general go-to. However, this soil needs amending throughout the season as it has minimal nutrients mixed in
- **Kellogg/Gardener & Bloom ([kelloggarden.com](http://kelloggarden.com))**  
Try their Blue Ribbon blend for a more fertile mix
- **Foxfarm ([foxfarm.com](http://foxfarm.com))**  
From Humboldt county, family owned-and-operated since the 1980s.  
Many commercial organic growers swear by their soil mixes and liquid fertilizers
- **E. B. Stone ([ebstone.org](http://ebstone.org))**  
Good organic bagged soil and compost products

## PLANTS

Grow your own from seed, or purchase from local growers. Some may also have pots for sale.

- **Logan's Gardens**  
Great seasonal selections sold at the Hollywood and Santa Monica farmer's markets weekly
- **Artemisia Nursery ([artemisianursery.com](http://artemisianursery.com))**  
Retail nursery in northeast Los Angeles that specializes in native plants, as well as veggies, herbs and indoor plants
- **San Gabriel Nursery ([sgnurserynews.com](http://sgnurserynews.com))**  
Established in 1923 and still family owned. Great source for all types of plants
- **Sunset Blvd Nursery ([sunsetblvdnursery.com](http://sunsetblvdnursery.com))**  
Family-run and owned in the Silverlake area. Good source for potting soil and nutrients too. Lots of organic options
- **H&H Nursery ([hhnursery.com](http://hhnursery.com))**  
Family-owned since 1976, located in Lakewood, they carry a little bit of everything, including soils, fertilizers, veggie seeds and starts
- **C&S Nursery ([csnursery.com](http://csnursery.com))**  
Family-owned and run wholesale/retail nursery near La Brea and Jefferson carrying pottery, soil and edibles, herbs and landscape plants

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- ***Indoor Kitchen Gardening Handbook: Projects and Inspiration to Grow Food Year-Round***  
Elizabeth Millard, Cool Springs Press. Brand new resource for windowsill gardening
- ***The New Sunset Western Garden Book***  
From the editors of *Sunset* magazine, an all-around resource for anything that grows in the West
- ***The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables***  
Lorene Edwards Forkner, Timber Press Contains information on growing regions and individual veggies
- ***Western Garden Book of Edibles: The Complete A-Z Guide to Growing Your Own Vegetables, Herbs, and Fruits***  
From the editors of *Sunset* magazine.
- ***Edible Landscaping***  
By Rosalind Creasy
- ***From Seed to Skillet***  
By Jimmy Williams with Susan Heeger

## **PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

From our Edible Gardener

- **Tomatoes**

Look for determinate varieties like Patio, Better Bush, and Tumbling Tom

- **Peppers**

Almost any, but especially small fruited varieties like jalapeño, serrano, shishito, and Snackabelle Red

- **Eggplant**

Small fruited varieties like Fairytale and Patio Baby

- **Herbs**

Basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, lavender, marjoram, chives, mint, tarragon, shiso, salad burnet, dill, parsley, lemon verbena

- **Swiss chard**

- **Persian cucumber**

- **Bush beans**

- **Strawberries**