Growing Herbs in Containers
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Container Requirements
• Large enough for full grown plant
• Adequate drainage

Container Materials
• Clay – heavy, porous, fragile
• Ceramic – glaze could contain lead
• Wood – use untreated wood, avoid wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol
• Plastic – light, non-porous, can be left outdoors during the winter

Clean & Sterilize Containers after Use
• Remove soil
• Immerse in sterilizing solution for 10 minutes
  1 part household bleach
  9 parts water
• Remove mineral deposits and salts
• Wash in soapy water
• Dry in the sun

Soil
• Use sterile potting soil
• Or make your own: equal parts peat moss, compost and perlite (or vermiculite or sand)
• Do not reuse potting soil

Fertilizer
• Slow release fertilizer (included in most commercial potting soil mixes)
• Water soluble fertilizer every 2 weeks
• Perennials – use water slow release during summer, water soluble during fall, none in winter

Watering
• Water frequently
• Daily if necessary

Plant Like with Like
• When mixing plants in containers, use plants that have same sun/watering requirements