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### **A place for everything and everything in its place:**

Plants like Impatiens, Fuchsias and Begonias like to have afternoon shade. Petunias, Calibrachoa and Verbena like full sun all day. If you are not sure check my plant tag - it will indicate how much sun I will want. Also if my leaves look crispy and burnt—I need more shade. If I look stretched out and am not blooming—I need more sun.

### **What do I need to eat and drink?**

Most plants do not like to be too wet or dry. If my basket feels “light” and the top of the soil is dry to the touch it is time to water. You should water me until water just starts to drip out of the bottom of my pot. 10” & 12” Baskets typically require daily watering. Remember if you put me in a windy or sunny-all-day location I will need more water. If you put me in a shady spot I will need less water.

Plants are just like humans – I need nourishment. A good all-purpose water soluble fertilizer at least once a week will normally do the trick. If my leaves are really yellow it means I need to eat (more fertilizer). If I have lots of green growth but no flowers I need to go on a diet (clear water only).

### **Give me a haircut.**

About once a month it is a good idea to trim me up. Remove my knots (scraggly branches) and lightly trim back my split ends. This helps force new growth from the center of my basket – and will keep me looking fresh and full of body. This is especially important if I am in a spot with lots of wind.

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