

# Taking Care of Your Container Garden



## Watering

Be sure to water your container garden regularly. Since the roots of your plants are in a contained area, they have less access to water. If you don't water consistently, the plants become stressed, which may lead to pests and diseases. In the first year, water twice per week if able, or three times per week if in a drought period.

## Pests

Check for signs of pest: nibbled blossoms, leaves where only the veins are left, missing flower buds, or leaves with spots. If your container garden has native plants, then pollinators will be present and these are not necessarily pests. You can identify pests through your local garden store or through the resources at [bluethumb.org](http://bluethumb.org)

## Weeding

Take note of the plants you put in your container and weed those you didn't intentionally plant. This ensures plenty of room and nutrients for the native plants in your pot.

## Pruning potted plants

Some native plants, like coneflowers, require a trim occasionally. Snip the stem at the first set of leaves. Prune any dead stems to keep your container looking healthy and fuller and to encourage new growth.

## Nutrients

As your plants grow and mature, they use up the nutrients in the soil in your container. While our Minnesota native plants don't need a lot, you can add a bit of plant food once or twice a year. This could be a bit of compost or natural liquid fertilizer from the store.

## Winter

Use a container made of plastic, metal, or composite materials. Before the first freeze, let the planter dry out to avoid cracking. Leave your container out in the winter and your native perennial plants will come back in the spring!



# Daryeelida Beerta Weelka Lagu Beero



## Waraabinta

Inaad weelkaaga u waraabiso si joogto ah. Maadaama xididada dhirtaadu ay ku yaalaan meel ka kooban, waxay helayaan biyo yar. Haddii aadan si joogto ah u waraabin, dhirtu waxay noqotaa cadaadis, taas oo keeni karta dusha sare iyo cudurro. Sannadka ugu horreeya, laba jeer warabi toddobaadkii haddii la awodo, ama saddex jeer toddobaadkii haddii wakhtigu uu abaar yahay.

## Cayayaanka

Calaamadaha cayayaanka: fiida ubaxyada , caleemaha halka xididada kaliya ay ka haraan, baalasha ama dhegaha ubaxyada maqan, ama caleemaha leh dhibco. Haddii beertaada weelku leedahay dhir u dhalatay, markaas pollinators ayaa joogi doona kuwaasna maahan cayayaan. Wuxaad ku aqoonsan kartaa cayayaanka adoo adeegsanaya dukaanka beerta deegaankaaga ama ilaha bluethumb.org

## Cawska Ka falida

Goynta ka fiiroso dhirta aad ku riddo weelkaaga oo ka jar kuwa aanad si ula kac ah u beerin. Tani waxay hubinaysaa qol iyo nafaqo badan oo dhirta u dhalatay dherigaada.

## Baarka ama jirida ka jarida dhirta dheriga leh

Qaar ka mid ah dhirta asalka ah, sida coneflowers, waxay u baahan yihii in la gooyo marmar. Ka jar jiridda marka ugu horeysa ee caleemaha. Iska jar mid kasta oo dhintay afkoda si weelkaagu u ahaado mid caafimaad qaba oo buuxa oo aad u dhiirigeliso korriin cusub.

## Nafaqooyinka

Marka ay dhirtaadu koraan oo ay qaan-gaaraan, waxay isticmaalaan nafaqeeyayaalka ciidda ku jira weelkaaga. Iyadoo dhirteenna Minnesota aysan wax badan u baahnayn, waxaad ku dari kartaa xoogaa cunto dhir ah hal mar ama laba jeer sannadkii. Tani waxay noqon kartaa xoogaa compost ah ama bacriminta dareeraha dabiiciga ah ee dukaanka.

## Jiilaalka

Isticmaal weel ka samaysan caag, bir, ama walxo isku dhafan. Kahor intaanay barafoobin marka hore, u daa beeraha ama beerayuhu inuu engejiyo si aanu dildillaac ugu dhicin. Weelkaaga dibadda uga tag xilliga jiilaalka iyo dhirtaada dhaladka ah waxay soo noqon doonaan guga!

