

Are you ready for fall? Get your property's containers and hanging baskets in on the fun with bountiful autumnal displays. Here are some ideas to consider:

### **Make the Transition**

You don't need to start from scratch in your containers and baskets to give your property a refresh. Some plants, such as red fountain grass and sweet potato vine, will transition effortlessly into the cooler months. Mix in classic fall plants, such as mums or ornamental kale or cabbage, and you'll have a fresh new look with less expense and waste.

### **Potted Purple Pansies**

Flowers, such as pansies, violas, and verbena, can withstand the cooler temps of fall.



Similarly, consider planting cold weather-compatible plants now to get more bang for your buck. Pansies, violas, mums, verbena, and dianthus can all withstand the first fall frosts and chillier temps ahead. With a range of compact and trailing varieties, these flowers are well-suited for container and hanging basket designs. Plus, they come in a wide array of colors — providing maximum flexibility to create a look that best accents your property.

### **Don't Forget the Foliage**

Flowers are fantastic, but don't underestimate the power of foliage. In containers and hanging baskets, foliage acts as a visual anchor. Ivy, dusty miller, ornamental kale, or cold-tolerant herbs, such as sage, rosemary, and thyme, can all provide a hit of texture and contrast. As a bonus, many of these

plants will last longer into the winter than flowers, giving your displays greater longevity by maintaining a full appearance after blooms have faded. In the case of ornamental kale and cabbage, their color actually intensifies as the weather gets colder.

### **Go All Out with Color**

One of the best parts of creating fall displays is the availability of richly-hued plant material. Your containers and hanging baskets are like jewelry that accent your property — the perfect, low-commitment place to experiment with bold color schemes. While red, yellow, and orange are a classic fall color combination, don't rule out the jewel tones. Deep emeralds, purples, and silver-hued plants look right at home next to autumn's burgundy and golden hues, creating an unexpected, yet pleasing look that helps your property stand apart.