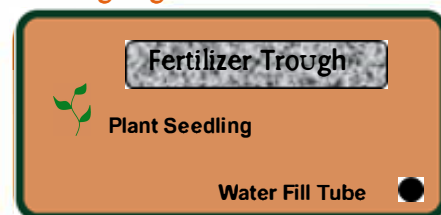


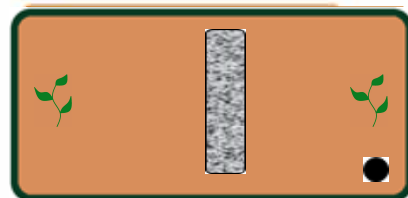
# Plant & Fertilizer Placement Chart

BELOW ARE THE RECOMMENDED TYPES AND NUMBER OF PLANTS TO PLACE IN EACH EARTHBOX® GARDENING SYSTEM.

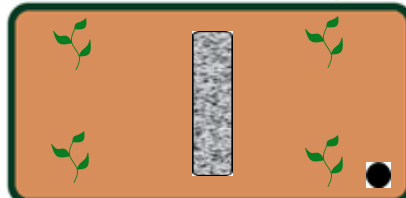
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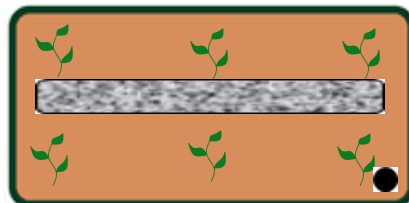
★ **IMPORTANT!**  
Use this chart on  
Steps 6 and 10



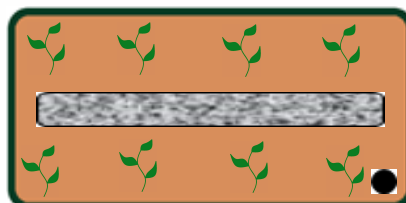
**2 seedlings** Artichokes, Eggplants,  
Melons, Tomatillos, Tomatoes



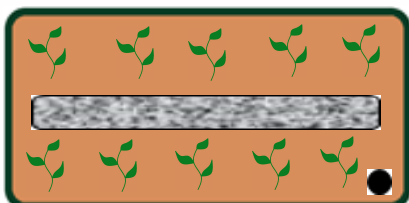
**4 seedlings (2 per row)**  
Brussels Sprouts, Cucumbers, Squash,  
Zucchini



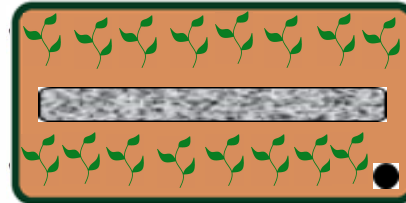
**6 seedlings (3 per row)**  
Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Chard,  
Collard Greens, Flowers, Herbs, Kohlrabi,  
Lettuce, Mustard, Peppers, Strawberries



**8 seedlings (4 per row)**  
Radicchio, Salad Greens, Turnips



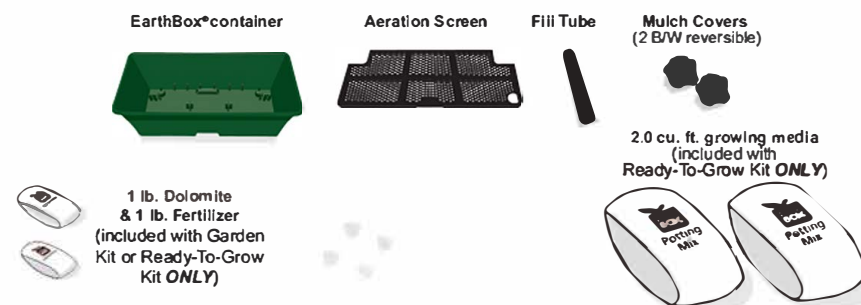
**10 seedlings (5 per row)**  
Beets, Corn, Leeks, Okra, Onions, Spinach



**16 seedlings (8 per row)**  
Beans, Carrots, Peas, Radishes

Thank You for Purchasing an EarthBox® Gardening System!

YOUR PACKAGE MAY INCLUDE:



## BEGIN HERE | Important Information About Planting

To start planting your EarthBox, you will need your container, aeration screen, water fill tube, 2 cu. ft. of a good quality potting medium, one bag each of our special blend dolomite/starter fertilizer and high-analysis fertilizer, and a plastic mulch cover. Determine what type and how many plants you need, as well as a water source to wet soil during planting. Select a sunny spot with adequate sunlight. MOST vegetables require full sun. AIR AND SUNLIGHT ARE AS ESSENTIAL TO PLANTS AS SOIL, WATER, AND FERTILIZER!

## GROWING MEDIA

A high quality potting mix is recommended. Our potting mix is 80% Canadian peat moss, 10% perlite and 10% vermiculite. You'll need 2 cubic feet per EarthBox. Potting medium containing water-soluble or time-release fertilizer is acceptable, but it does *NOT* replace the high analysis fertilizer trough application (shown in Step 7). *It is very important to use a potting medium that is well drained and is able to wick the water from the reservoir.*

## DOLOMITE/STARTER FERTILIZER

Dolomite purchased at the EarthBox Garden Center is our special blend that has been a proven winner for over 20 years. It contains a starter fertilizer and dolomite that includes calcium and other essential trace elements for growing most vegetables. It helps prevent Blossom End Rot particularly in tomatoes, and helps balance the pH of the growing media. Incorporate 1 measured cup (1 bag) of dolomite during the initial planting, and each year when replanting your EarthBox.

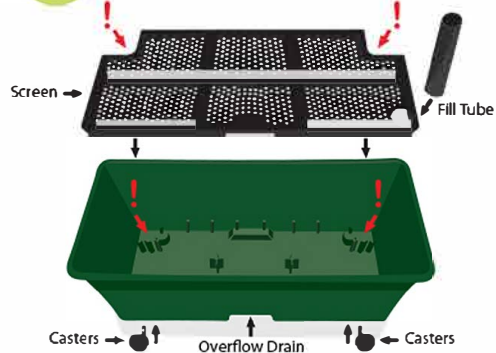
## HIGH ANALYSIS FERTILIZER

The EarthBox is designed to be used with common dry granular fertilizer. The EarthBox Garden Center offers 3 types of granular fertilizers. We use a 6-8-10 Special Vegetable Fertilizer for vegetables, and a slow release 15-5-10 for plants such as berries, flowers and herbs that last longer than 6 months. We also have an 8-5-5 Organic Fertilizer that can replace either the vegetable fertilizer or the slow release. Use 2 measured cups of Fertilizer per EarthBox. This amount should supply enough nutrients for your plants during the duration of the growing season. Do not add any additional fertilizer during the growing season. High analysis fertilizers can burn plants if not applied as shown in the instructions. Be sure not to plant plants directly in fertilizer trough. **DO NOT MIX FERTILIZER THROUGH POTTING MEDIUM.**

## PLANT SELECTION

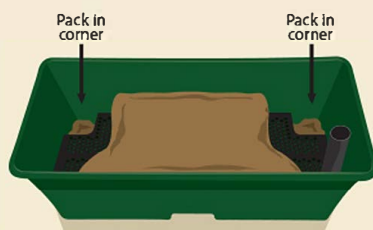
Pay close attention to the recommended plant types and amounts in the Plant & Fertilizer Placement Chart (left). Anything listed here will grow in the EarthBox® gardening system. You can use the smaller plugs/seedlings or seedlings in 4" pots. You can do some direct seeding with plant types that are normally easy to grow from seed. Do not overcrowd the EarthBox! *Crops that grow in a similar size can be planted together in a single EarthBox such as pepper, herbs, lettuce, etc.*

1 Assemble Parts: Add Screen, Fill Tube and Casters to Container



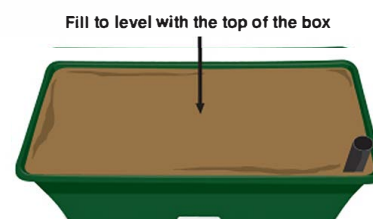
**NOTE:** REMOVE PLASTIC MULCH COVERS FROM WATER FILL TUBE BEFORE PLANTING! Make sure the screen is firmly set, and the fill tube is placed through the large hole in the screen and pushed to the bottom of the box.

2 Pack Corners Firmly with Moist Growing Media

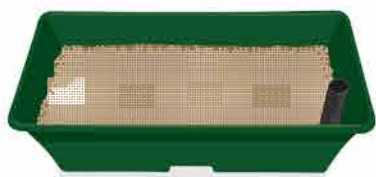


★ **IMPORTANT!** Packing the corners with moist growing media will ensure proper wicking throughout the system.

3 Add Layer of Moist Growing Media

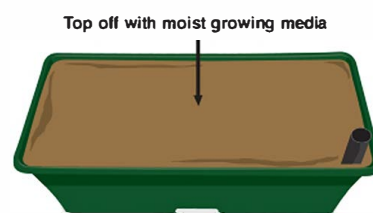


4 Incorporate Dolomite into Growing Media

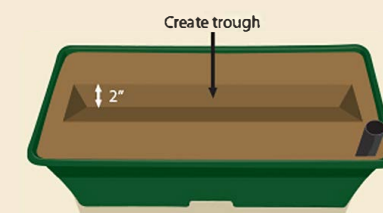


**NOTE:** Spread the dolomite (1) evenly and mix into the top 2 to 3 inches of the growing media.

5 Level Moist Growing Media With Top of EarthBox® Gardening System

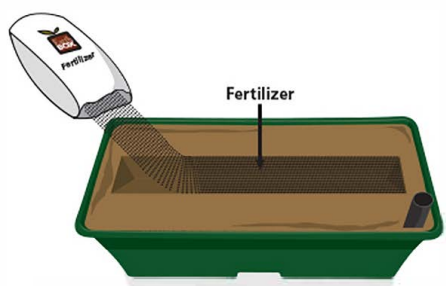


6 Create a Trough for Fertilizer Placement



★ **IMPORTANT!** Refer to Plant & Fertilizer Placement Chart to determine location of trough for the type of plants you want to grow.

7 Place Fertilizer (2) in Trough



**NOTE:** Use entire contents of the bag. Use this even if your growing media already comes with added fertilizer.

8 Create Mound with Remaining Moist Growing Media



★ **IMPORTANT!** Create at least a 4"-6" mound of growing media over the fertilizer strip, overfilling the system.

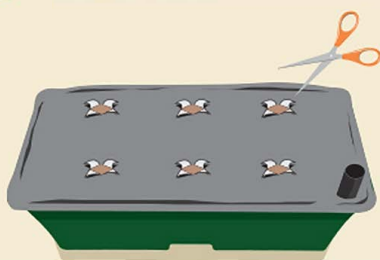
9 Place Mulch Cover on the EarthBox® Gardening System



**NOTE:** Place cover black side up. If peak growing season temperatures consistently remain over 85° F, place cover white side up.

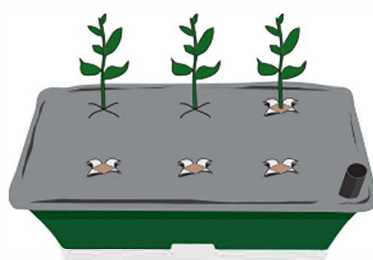
**OPTIONAL:** You may use a red mulch cover, instead of the B/W, if growing tomatoes or strawberries.

10 Cut Holes in the Mulch Cover



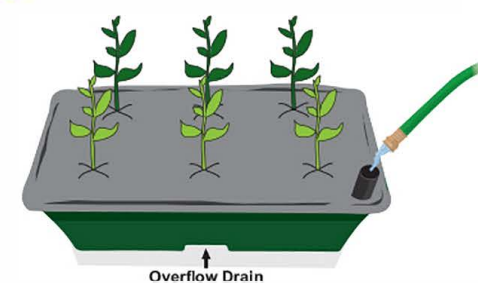
★ **IMPORTANT!** Refer to Plant & Fertilizer Placement chart to determine the number and location of plants. Cut the holes the same size as the root ball of your plant. It is recommended to cut an "X" for each plant so the flaps can be pushed back into place.

11 Plant Seeds or Seedlings



**NOTE:** Follow recommended planting instructions that come with your seeds or seedlings. At this time ONLY, water around the base of each seedling.

12 Fill Reservoir and Water Regularly



**NOTE:** Use the fill tube to keep the water reservoir full. You'll know the reservoir is full when water flows from the overflow drain. Don't try to regulate the water level. Add water every few days when the plants are young, and at least once every day when your plants are mature.

**If you are in need of any assistance while planting your EarthBox Gardening System, please feel free to contact us the EarthBox Garden Center, original home of the EarthBox. (941) 723-2911**

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