

Lettuce Baskets & Bags Growing Guide for Boise and Treasure Valley Gardens

*A local gardening guide from Five Mile Farm & Greenhouses
Boise, Idaho*

Lettuce grows very well in Boise and throughout the Treasure Valley during the cooler months of spring and fall. Growing lettuce in baskets or grow bags is an easy way to produce fresh greens on patios, decks, and small garden spaces. With consistent watering and partial sun, lettuce can provide weeks of fresh harvests.

PLANTING

Lettuce grows best in **cool temperatures and partial sun**. In the Treasure Valley, lettuce is typically planted in **early spring or late summer for fall harvests**.

Because containers dry out faster than garden beds, lettuce baskets should be placed where they receive **morning sun and some afternoon shade** when possible.

WATERING

Lettuce prefers **consistent moisture** and should not be allowed to dry out completely.

Check containers regularly, especially during warm weather. Water when the top inch of soil begins to feel dry. During warmer periods, lettuce baskets may require watering **once a day or every other day**.

FERTILIZING

Because lettuce grows quickly, it benefits from light feeding during the growing season.

A diluted liquid vegetable fertilizer can be applied every **2–3 weeks** to encourage steady growth and healthy leaf production.

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Avoid heavy fertilizing, which can cause overly soft growth.

HARVESTING

Lettuce can be harvested once leaves are large enough to eat.

For continuous harvests, pick the **outer leaves first**, allowing the center of the plant to continue growing. Many lettuce varieties will continue producing for several weeks with regular harvesting.

If temperatures become consistently warm, lettuce may begin to bolt (send up a flower stalk), which can make the leaves taste bitter.

For best flavor and quality, harvest lettuce in the **cooler morning hours**.

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