



# Hanging Basket Informational Guide



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The following is an informational guide on the City of Worthington’s hanging baskets. The City of Worthington has contracted out the assembly of the baskets in the past; however, beginning in 2002, the City performs all functions in-house - purchasing materials, assembly, hanging, maintenance, and removal. The following information is based on figures from 2022, unless otherwise noted.

**NUMBER OF BASKETS:** 107 total with 91 along downtown streets and 16 at City buildings.

**BASKET DESCRIPTION:** The following material is used for the baskets:

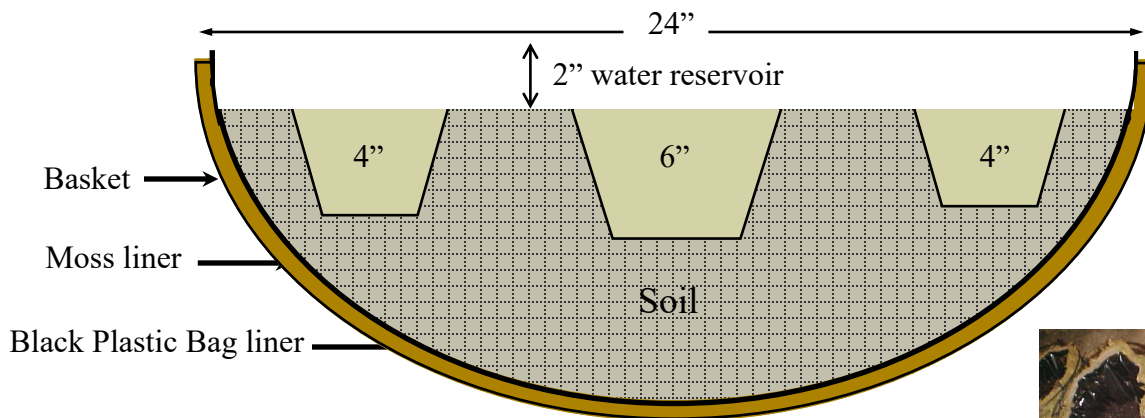
	Material	Type	Quantity
1.	Basket	24” black plastic coated	107
2.	Moss Mat/Coco mat	24” green moss covering a wood fiber mat liner	120
3.	Soil	Premier Pro Mix BFG Supply	114 bags
4.	Flowers	6” Red Dragon wing begonias.	5 begonias per basket
5.	Greenery	4” Varigated Vinca Vine (Vinca Major)	5 vinca per basket
6.	Greenery	4 1/2 inch Spike (Dracaena indivisa)	1 per basket
7.	Water Absorber	Soil Moist (pellets expand when wet, holding in moisture)	33 lbs (6 oz per basket)
8.	Water Absorber	Flower bed Moist	1oz. per basket
9.	Fertilizer	Osmocote	1 oz. per basket
10.	Fertilizer	MiracleGro Bloombuster	8 oz. per 150 gallons H2O

## BASKET ASSEMBLY

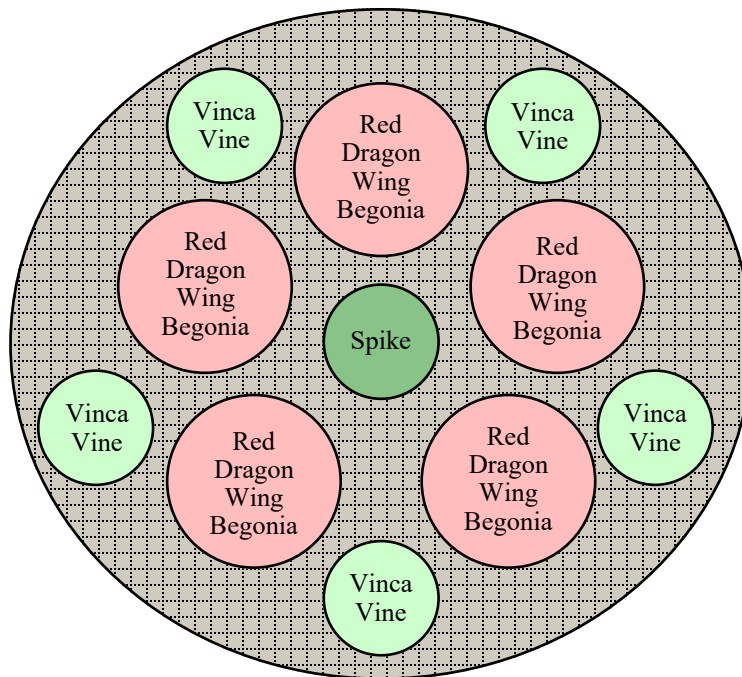
- Time: 20 minutes per basket
- 3 persons: 1 to fill soil, 1 to add Soil Moist & wet, 1 to plant.
- Instructions:
  1. Place mat in basket, lining the inside of the basket;
  2. Fill basket 1/2 full with soil;
  3. Add Soil Moist; Osmocote and Flowerbed moist
  4. Using water mixed with Root Stimulator, wet soil to expand soil moist;
  5. Wait one day allowing Soil Moist to expand and absorb water; and
  6. Add additional soil and plants 2 inches below lip of liner, leaving a reservoir for water.



*Baskets are lined up for assembly.*

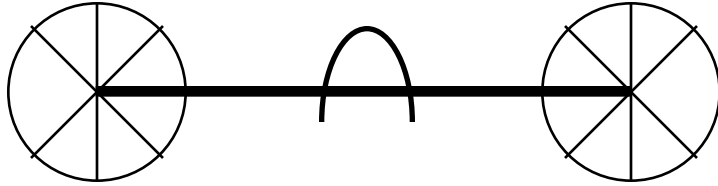


*Baskets are lined with moss or coco mats, then filled with soil and other ingredients*



## HANGING OF THE BASKETS

- Use large U-bolts with 1"x1/2" metal bars (about 36" in length) and attach to street light pole.
- Use an Ariel Lift Truck "bucket truck" to hang and remove the baskets.



## GENERAL

### TIMELINE

- Order flowers and greenery from nursery in mid-winter
- Assembly - mid May
- Hanging of Baskets - mid/late May (when assembly finished)
- Take down Baskets - late October (before hanging Christmas decorations)

### BASKET MAINTENANCE

#### WATERING

- Water baskets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (modify for holiday schedule, i.e. if Monday is holiday, water Wed., Thurs., and Fri.)
- Use 8 oz of MiracleGro per 150 gallon tank.
- Do not need to water baskets, ONLY if receive 1/2 inch of rainfall the previous day.
- Instructions
  - ⇒ 30 second count for each basket, then 60 second count for each basket. Alternating baskets between counts allows water to soak in rather than run off. Total Time: 1.5 min. (Calibrate times based on volume of water from your sprayer).
  - ⇒ Should use 4 full tanks of water for the 100 baskets.
  - ⇒ 4 tank refills x 150 gallon water tank = 600 gallons for 100 baskets = 6 gallons of water per basket.
  - ⇒ Attach long handle spray nozzle to hose to reach basket.

### STAFFING

- 1 seasonal worker at 30 hours a week



*The City uses a Bucket Truck to hang and remove the baskets.*



