



## How to take care of your Fuchsia Basket

**Light:** Grow Fuchsias in part shade or in-direct light. The east or north side of a house works well. In very hot conditions or with too much direct light they tend to droop. They will recover at night when the temperatures cool down.

**Watering:** It is crucial not to over-water your Fuchsia plants. When you water, water until water comes out of the bottom of the pot. Then let it dry out slightly between waterings. Remember that the basket will require more water as it matures. Keep testing with a finger or better lift the basket up in order to monitor its weight. If it is light, water it. If it is a rainy day, wait a day.

**Fertilizing:** The baskets we sell have slow-release fertilizer in the soil. Even so Fuchsia's are heavy feeders, they require liquid fertilizer once a week during the summer months. Jack's 20-20-20 is a good balanced fertilizer to use.

**Caring:** Fuchsia's do not need dead-heading to bloom more, but some varieties do produce berries and to promote more bloom (and to keep the area underneath clean) we recommend to remove them periodically. Fuchsia's can be pruned back if they are getting too big.

**Overwintering:** Fuchsias generally do not do well indoors. Gartenmeister Bonnstadt is an exception. Fuchsias prefer cooler, humid air (English weather). One way to overwinter them is to place the basket in a cooler spot, out of the light, and let it dry, but not so dry that the back of the stem cracks. Water it about once a month. In the beginning of March put it back in the light, water it and watch it come back to life.