



## 4-H CONTAINER GARDEN CONTEST 2023

### DETAILS:

- Location of competition will be at the south side of the ECCC.
- Purpose of the contest is to encourage participation by 4-H Clubs to help add beauty and interest to the fairgrounds during the fair.
- All Elkhart County 4-H Clubs are eligible and encouraged to participate.
- Each container will be identified with a laminated card indicating the Club name following the judging of the containers.
- Judging will be completed by the first Friday evening of the fair and results will be announced during the fair.
- Places will include 1st, 2nd and Presidents' Choice.
- There will be recognition of this year's winners.

### GUIDELINES:

- Registration and container pick-up deadline is Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and will take place at the Purdue Extension Elkhart County office.
- One container will be provided per club. **Containers and their plantings will remain the property of the 4-H fairgrounds following the fair, and will be used to decorate various locations around the fairgrounds after the fair is over.** Therefore, you should not plan on using materials in your container that you wish to keep.
- **Container check-in will be Thursday, July 23, 2023 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** Clubs will check-in at the Purdue Extension Elkhart County office where they will be directed to place their container in an area designated with a flag/stake and located south of the ECCC.
- **After the fair is over DO NOT remove or put your containers in storage on the fairgrounds.** They will be picked up by staff and all stored in the same location, to be ready for distribution the following year.
- Containers will be watered before and during the fair, but it is the responsibility of each club to maintain the plantings within the container.
- A combination of shrubs, perennials, herbs and annuals may be used, or a single plant is acceptable and should be planted in soil. Please refrain from purchasing an arrangement from a professional landscape or nursery.
- **Accents other than live plantings should be kept to a minimum, and should be less than 15% of the total display.** The Elkhart County Fairgrounds retains the right to remove any decorations they determine may distract from the container.

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