

The Cheap Gardener, November 17 Garden Club Meeting

Thing to put in and on the bottom of a pot.

Instead of buying plastic plant saucers use plates, pie dishes from your kitchen or a thrift STORE

To help with drainage try one of these at the bottom of your pot:

Flatten large coffee filters
landscaping fabric
wore out plastic scrubbies from dish washing
packing peanuts!
rocks or broken pots
Scotch-Brite pads from 3M
Cut up old pool noodles
Old sponge
Filter media for heat or air system
Large pot – pinecones, soda cans
My favorite – window screen mesh

To hold water in your pot instead expensive crystals use a disposable diaper - baby or adult. They are super absorbent. One diaper can hold up to 4 cups of water. 1 diaper takes care of a large 10 to 12 inch pot. As plants need water will draw from the crystals.

The new "super soil" cuts watering amounts, and times, in half, and can grow seeds up to 10 days without any extra water at all.