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— Hanging Basket Strawberry Grower Guide —

SUGGESTED MEDIA:

65% Pine fines, 35% peat/coir with perlite and root shield (no vermiculite)

MEDIA GUIDELINES:

- Must provide good drainage and be kept uniformly moist—not overly wet.
 - Irrigation scheduling – frequency and amount need to be adjusted according to changes in weather, stage of plant growth and root development.
 - Depending on availability and cost, other options for media mixes might be used.
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SUGGESTED SOIL & WATER DETAILS:

- **Soil pH:** 5.5–6.5
 - **Fertility:** Use a balanced 10-10-10 NPK but increase Potassium at bloom time to increase berry yield. Be careful not to over fertilize with Nitrogen because it can decrease yields and cause disease. Suggested forms of Nitrogen are Ammonium nitrate, Urea or a combination of either with Nitrate Nitrogen (17-6-12 can be used, Nitrogen source is 50% ammoniacal Nitrogen and 50% Nitrate Nitrogen)
 - **Common Pests:** Thrips, Aphids and Mites
 - **Spray Recommendations:** Preventative sprays for Botrytis from planting to flowering stage.
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FINISHING SCHEDULE:

- **Recommended size:** 10-inch hanging basket. Plant one 21-cell liner or three 72-cell liners for finished time of 8–10 weeks from the liner planting date. This would be for greenhouse or tunnel production.
- Plants can be trimmed every 3–4 weeks or as needed. The cascading fruit will come from the flower stalks, not the runners, so runners are not encouraged.

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