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**American Lotus** (*Nelumbo lutea*) is a beautiful aquatic plant that can thrive in containers, allowing you to enjoy its stunning blooms even if you don't have a large pond. Here's how you can successfully plant and grow American Lotus in a pot:

### 1. Choose the Right Container:

- Select a wide but shallow container with a diameter of **14-18 inches**. You can also use a whiskey or wine barrel, but make sure to cut it in half to reduce the depth.
- Ensure that the container has **no holes at the bottom** to retain water.

### 2. Prepare the Soil:

- Start by adding **2-3 inches of sand** at the bottom of the container.
- Top it up with **2-4 inches of soil** that contains some clay content. This combination provides a suitable growing medium for American Lotus.

### 3. Planting the Tubers:

- Place the American Lotus tuber in the soil, ensuring that it is positioned correctly.
- The tuber should be **submerged in water** at least **1 inch above the top rim of the container**.

### 4. Sunlight:

- Position the container in a location that receives **direct sunlight**. American Lotus requires plenty of light to thrive.

### 5. Watering:

- Keep the water level consistent, maintaining at least 1 inch of water above the soil surface.
- Regularly check the water level and replenish it as needed.

### 6. Temperature and Care:

- American Lotus prefers **warm climates** and will grow well in temperatures conducive to its growth.
- During winter, the plant enters a **dormant stage**, so protect it from freezing temperatures if you're growing it in a pot.

Remember that container size is not a constraint when growing American Lotus. Whether it's a small container or a mini pond, these beautiful aquatic plants will thrive and reward you with their stunning yellow flowers. Enjoy your lotus-growing journey! 🌸🌿