Hens and Chicks
Sempervivum sp. ‘Green Wheel’

These succulents have a beautiful tight rosette form and there are hundreds of species in the *Sempervivum* genus. If you’re looking for something on the green side, try the elegant ‘Green Wheel’. Succulents are a group of plants with fleshy stems and leaves that are efficient for storing water. Because succulents are adapted to survive in dry conditions they don’t need much supplemental water. In Florida’s rainy climate a good way to grow succulents is in containers where irrigation and soil are easier to control. Let the soil dry out between watering and make sure your containers aren’t holding water. Soggy soil will cause problems like root rot.

**Type:** perennial succulent

**USDA hardiness zones:** 3 through 9

**Uses:** border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; rock garden

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 6 inches  
**Spread:** 6 inches

**Plant spacing:** 6 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to part sun

**Soil tolerances:** slightly acid to alkaline; clay; sand; gravel

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerances:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** low

**Pest resistance:** overwatering can lead to crown rot

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