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**ABSTRACT**

An improved device for collecting excess water from suspended plant pots is described. A pan has a vertical post disposed in the center thereof, said post having on its top end a horizontal, keyed member with radially extending teeth. A lock ring, having a central opening corresponding to the keyed member, is attached to a spacer that is in turn connected to the bottom of a suspended plant pot. The keyed member may pass through the lock ring when the teeth are properly aligned. The pan may be attached to a pot by inserting the keyed member into the lock ring and then rotating the pan.

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