

Wadleigh Seed Library



Growing  
Instructions

# Herbs



# Basil

## Planting:

Four to 6 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing basil seeds. In a container, place the basil seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Basil requires a warm sunny spot to grow. Place your basil in a spot where it will get 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight. Make sure to water your basil frequently. It doesn't like to be too moist or too dry.



## Harvesting:

Basil can be harvested once it has reached about 4 inches in height.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring and Summer
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 60-90 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 70 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Moderate

# Lavender (English)

## Planting:

Begin sowing lavender seeds 3 months before transporting the plant outdoors. Shallowly plant lavender seeds in seed trays in a sunny indoor location. Keeping the soil moist over the germination period. The lavender can be transplanted outside when the seedlings have several leaves.



## Pruning:

Lavender can be pruned twice a year. Ideally, in late Summer and again in early Fall before the first frost.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 50-95 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 50 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Low

# Lavender (True)



## Planting:

Begin sowing lavender seeds 3 months before transporting the plant outdoors. Shallowly plant lavender seeds in seed trays in a sunny indoor location. Keeping the soil moist over the germination period. The lavender can be transplanted outside when the seedlings have several leaves.

## Pruning:

Lavender can be pruned twice a year. Ideally, in late Summer and again in early Fall before the first frost.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 50-95 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 50 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Low

# Oregano (Vulgare)

## Planting:

Four to 6 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing oregano seeds. In a container, place the oregano seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Oregano needs a sunny spot to grow and frequent watering. Once the oregano seeds have germinated, transplant the seeds into a larger pot, approximately 12 inches in diameter.



## Harvesting:

Oregano is ready for harvesting when the plant has reached approximately 6 inches in height.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 55-90 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 60 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Low

# Parsley (Italian)

## Planting:

6 to 8 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing parsley seeds. In a container, place the parsley seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Once the parsley seeds have germinated, transplant the seeds into a sunny spot and place roughly 10 inches apart.



## Harvesting:

Parsley is ready for harvesting when the plant is about 6 inches tall and relatively bushy. Harvest whole stems from the base of the plant to encourage more growth.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 55-70 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 70 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Moderate

# Rosemary

## Planting:

Four to 6 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing rosemary seeds. In a container, place the rosemary seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Rosemary needs a sunny spot to grow and frequent watering. Once the rosemary seeds have germinated, transplant the seeds into a larger pot, approximately 12 inches in diameter.



## Harvesting:

To encourage more growth, cut off about 3 to 6 inches of the stem throughout the plant as needed.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 50-90 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 45 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Partial shade
- Water: Low



# Sage

## Planting:

Four to 6 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing sage seeds. In a container, place the sage seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Sage needs a sunny spot to grow and frequent watering. Once the sage seeds have germinated, transplant the seeds into a larger pot, approximately 12 inches in diameter.



## Harvesting:

Sage is ready to harvest when the plant has reached approximately 4 to 5 inches in height.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 55-90 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 45 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Low

# Thyme

## Planting:

Four to 6 weeks before the last frost, begin sowing thyme seeds. In a container, place the thyme seeds about 1/4 inch deep. Place the thyme in a spot where it will get approximately 6 hours of indirect sunlight a day. Make sure to water thoroughly while allowing the plant to dry out between each watering. Thyme will need to be repotted after every season or two.



## Harvesting:

Harvest thyme by cutting off the stems and then remove the leaves from the stem.

## Growing Tips:

- Growing Season: Spring
- Outdoor Growing Temperature: 60-90 degrees fahrenheit
- Minimum Outdoor Soil Temperature: 60 degrees fahrenheit
- Sunlight: Minimum 6 hours daily
- Water: Low