

## Growing Herbs

Herb	Propagation Method	Start Seeds Indoors (weeks before last spring frost)	Start Seeds Outdoors (weeks before or after last spring frost)	Minimum Soil Temperature to Germinate (°F)	Height (inches)	Spread (inches)	Blooming Season	Uses	Soil	Light*	Growth Type
<b>Basil</b>	Seeds, transplants	6-8	Anytime after	70	12-24	12	Midsummer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Annual
<b>Borage</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	Not recommended	Anytime after	70	12-36	12	Early to midsummer	Culinary	Rich, well-drained, dry	☉	Annual, biennial
<b>Chervil</b>	Seeds	Not recommended	3-4 before	55	12-24	8	Early to midsummer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Annual, biennial
<b>Chives</b>	Seeds, division	8-10	3-4 before	60-70	12-18	18	Early summer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Perennial
<b>Cilantro/coriander</b>	Seeds	Not recommended	Anytime after	60	12-36	4	Midsummer	Culinary	Light	☉☼	Annual
<b>Dill</b>	Seeds	Not recommended	4-5 before	60-70	36-48	12	Early summer	Culinary	Rich	☉	Annual
<b>Fennel</b>	Seeds	4-6	Anytime after	60-70	48-80	18	Mid- to late summer	Culinary	Rich	☉	Annual
<b>Lavender, English</b>	Seeds, cuttings	8-12	1-2 before	70-75	18-36	24	Early to late summer	Ornamental, medicinal	Moderately fertile, well-drained	☉	Perennial
<b>Lavender, French</b>	Transplants	Not recommended	Not recommended	--	18-36	24	Early to late summer	Ornamental, medicinal	Moderately fertile, well-drained	☉	Tender perennial
<b>Lemon balm</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	6-10	2-3 before	70	12-24	18	Midsummer to early fall	Culinary, ornamental	Rich, well-drained	☉☼	Perennial
<b>Lovage</b>	Seeds, division	6-8	2-3 before	70	36-72	36	Early to late summer	Culinary	Fertile, sandy	☉☼	Perennial

<b>Oregano</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	6-10	Anytime after	70	12-24	18	Mid- to late summer	Culinary	Poor	○	Tender perennial
<b>Parsley</b>	Seeds	10-12	3-4 before	70	18-24	6-8	Mid- to late summer	Culinary	Medium-rich	●	Biennial
<b>Rosemary</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	8-10	Anytime after	70	48-72	48	Early summer	Culinary	Not too acid	○	Tender perennial
<b>Sage</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	6-10	1-2 before	60-70	12-48	30	Early to late summer	Culinary, ornamental	Well-drained	○	Perennial
<b>Sorrel</b>	Seeds, division	6-10	2-3 after	60-70	20-48	12-14	Late spring to early summer	Culinary, medicinal	Rich, organic	○	Perennial
<b>Spearmint</b>	Division, cuttings	Not recommended	Not recommended	--	12-24	18	Early to midsummer	Culinary, medicinal, ornamental	Rich, moist	●	Perennial
<b>Summer savory</b>	Seeds	4-6	Anytime after	60-70	4-15	6	Early summer	Culinary	Medium rich	○	Annual
<b>Sweet cicely</b>	Seeds, division	6-8	2-3 after	60-70	36-72	36	Late spring	Culinary	Moderately fertile, well-drained	○●	Perennial
<b>Tarragon, French</b>	Cuttings, transplants	Not recommended	Not recommended	--	24-36	12	Late summer	Culinary, medicinal	Well-drained	○●	Perennial
<b>Thyme, common</b>	Seeds, division, cuttings	6-10	2-3 before	70	2-12	7-12	Early to midsummer	Culinary	Fertile, well-drained	○●	Perennial

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○ = full sun

● = partial sun