

LAVENDER



Lavender is well known as the romantic flower with its beautiful fragrance and gorgeous purple flower. Besides being beautiful and aromatic, lavender flowers are also edible; they can be used raw in salads, added to soups and stews, used as a seasoning, baked into cookies and brewed into tea.

A major reason lavender is so prized is that the flowers keep their fragrance when dried. For best drying results, harvest the flowers as the buds first begin to open. Hang in small bunches upside down in a warm spot with good air circulation. The flower spikes of lavender are used for floral arrangements and the pale purple buds are perfect for potpourri. The plant's oils are used as an antiseptic and are now commonly used in aromatherapy.

Care: The Lavender plants will tolerate many growing conditions. They are a tough plant but thrive best in warm/hot climates with well-drained soil and full sun. Lavender is a great plant for pots and tubs. You can also use them around the garden as a hedge or mass plant them as a feature. Lavenders are really versatile plants. Keep them well watered in the early days and compost regularly.

Flowering Season: Lavender plants flower all year round; Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

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