

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
Basil	Seeds, transplants	6-8	Anytime after	70	12-24	12	Midsummer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Annual
Borage	Seeds, division, cuttings	Not recommended	Anytime after	70	12-36	12	Early to midsummer	Culinary	Rich, well-drained, dry	☉	Annual, biennial
Chervil	Seeds	Not recommended	3-4 before	55	12-24	8	Early to midsummer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Annual, biennial
Chives	Seeds, division	8-10	3-4 before	60-70	12-18	18	Early summer	Culinary	Rich, moist	☉	Perennial
Cilantro/coriander	Seeds	Not recommended	Anytime after	60	12-36	4	Midsummer	Culinary	Light	☉☉	Annual
Dill	Seeds	Not recommended	4-5 before	60-70	36-48	12	Early summer	Culinary	Rich	☉	Annual
Fennel	Seeds	4-6	Anytime after	60-70	48-80	18	Mid- to late summer	Culinary	Rich	☉	Annual
Lavender, English	Seeds, cuttings	8-12	1-2 before	70-75	18-36	24	Early to late summer	Ornamental, medicinal	Moderately fertile, well-drained	☉	Perennial
Lavender, French	Transplants	Not recommended	Not recommended	--	18-36	24	Early to late summer	Ornamental, medicinal	Moderately fertile, well-drained	☉	Tender perennial
Lemon balm	Seeds, division, cuttings	6-10	2-3 before	70	12-24	18	Midsummer to early fall	Culinary, ornamental	Rich, well-drained	☉☉	Perennial
Lovage	Seeds, division	6-8	2-3 before	70	36-72	36	Early to late summer	Culinary	Fertile, sandy	☉☉	Perennial

