



## Provence Lavender

*Lavandula x intermedia 'Provence'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: English Lavender, Lavandin

### Description:

Striking light purple blooms covering taller stems; lovely gray green foliage is beautifully fragrant; Great for containers and in the garden; used for sachets and perfumes; one of the best culinary varieties; TENDER PERENNIAL.

### Edible Qualities

Provence Lavender is a perennial herb that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces which are harvested from early to late summer. The have a pleasant taste and a pleasant fragrance.

The are most often used in the following ways:

- Baking
- Drying
- Tea

### Features & Attributes

Provence Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lavender flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves are grayish green in color. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial herb with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Provence Lavender is suitable for the following landscape applications;



*Provence Lavender flowers*  
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- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Provence Lavender will grow to be about 26 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 1 years.

This plant is typically grown in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Provence Lavender is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.