



Silver Mist Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia 'Silver Mist'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: English Lavender, Common Lavender

Description:

A later blooming variety with very silver foliage, producing purple-lavender flowers in mid-summer to early fall; Ornamental and Culinary. Must have very good drainage; try a pea gravel mulch at the base of the plant.

Edible Qualities

Silver Mist Lavender is a perennial herb that is commonly 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

Silver Mist Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant purple flowers with lavender overtones rising above the foliage from mid summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant needle-like leaves remain silver in color throughout the year.



Silver Mist Lavender flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Silver Mist Lavender foliage
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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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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, Silver Mist Lavender is suitable for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Silver Mist Lavender will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 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 3 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Silver Mist Lavender is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.