

# LAVENDER CARE GUIDE

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Lavender, English  
*Lavandula angustifolia*

## WATER

When the top 3 inches of soil are dry, bottom water until the plant does not soak up any more water. Allow excess water to drain before placing it back on its saucer.

## SOIL TYPE

Best to use a very sandy/succulent type soil which has good drainage and dries out quickly.

## FERTILIZER

This plant thrives in sandy soil and will not appreciate regular fertilizer. It is best to fertilize once in the spring and once in the fall.

## PRUNING

When trimming, the location of the cut will cause the plant to double its branching structure in that location.

## LIGHT

This plant will thrive with at least 6 hours of sunlight daily in a south facing window.

## FLOWERING

For the lavender to flower, it will need 6+ hours of sunlight to produce flowers. It will also appreciate being pruned in the spring to encourage a flower.

## GROWTH

This herb is fast growing, sometimes tripling in size during a growing season.

## TRANSITIONING TO OUTDOORS

During the warmer months of the year, you can transition the plant to the outdoors to encourage growth. The first week of transition, place the plant outside for an hour on an overcast day. The next day, you can leave it for 2 hours. Continue this doubling pattern until you reach 8 hours at a time. Bring indoors for winter as most lavenders cannot handle extreme cold.

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