

HERBS IN THE GARDEN

quick planting reference chart

herb	life cycle	growth habit	water needs	transplanting time	location
basil	annual	bush, can spread 2-3 feet depending on variety	moderate	after last frost in the spring	container, raised bed, or in ground
chives	perennial in zones 3-10	compact, 3-6" spacing, but will multiply and spread over the years	moderate	early spring, a few weeks before last spring frost through early summer	container, raised bed, or in ground
cilantro	annual	compact, 6" spacing	moderate to low	spring: as soon as soil can be worked fall: 4-6 weeks before first frost	container, raised bed, or in ground
lavender	perennial down to zone 4-5	compact, 12" spacing but will spread over time in good conditions	low	spring, around average last frost date	container if ground or raised bed soil retains water
marjoram	perennial down to zone 8 but may not survive heat/humidity of warmer climates in summer	compact, 12" spacing	high	after last frost in spring	container, raised bed, or in ground
mint	perennial down to zone 3-4	highly invasive, dedicated container recommended	high	early spring, a few weeks before last frost through early summer	container
oregano	perennial down to zone 5	moderately invasive, dedicated container in year 2	high	early spring, a few weeks before last spring frost through early summer	container
parsley	biennial	compact, 6-10" spacing	moderate	early spring: a few weeks before last frost fall: 6 weeks before first frost	container, raised bed, or in ground
rosemary	perennial down to zone 7	bush, 1-2 feet wide and 1-2 feet tall	low	early spring, a few weeks before last spring frost through early summer	container, raised bed, or in ground
sage	perennial in zones 4-8	compact bush, 12" wide	moderate	early spring, a few weeks before last spring frost through early summer	container, raised bed, or in ground
thyme	perennial down to zone 4	bush, can spread over the years if given room; will stay contained in pot	low	early spring, a few weeks before last spring frost through early summer	container

These are estimates; how each herb performs in your garden may vary. Most of the herbs listed here are recommended to be grown from transplant. With the exception of dill and basil, the other herbs can be difficult to start from seed.