



Rosemary Planting Guide

About Rosemary

Rosemary is a very versatile herb! It can be used as a simple air freshener, has many medicinal uses and is a favorite kitchen herb. Rosemary has a fragrance similar to pine, and can be infused in oils for skin irritation, or make rosemary tea for colds, it promotes mental and digestive function and is lovely with meat dishes and seasoning food.

When to Plant

Plant seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost of the season, or sow outdoors once soil temperatures reach 65 degrees F.

Where to Plant

Rosemary should be sown in lighter loamy soils that are dry and well drained. Plant in full sun (6-8 hours of sun per day) for best results, but it will tolerate partial sun (4-6 hours of sun per day). Rosemary prefers soils that are slightly acidic. Wet soils that don't drain well often kill Rosemary. Avoid clay soils.

How to Plant

Soak seeds overnight before planting in order to prime seed. Sow the seeds directly onto the soil and do not cover. Rosemary seeds require light to germinate. Keep the soil moist but not wet until germination. As the seedlings get larger, thin the plants out until they are 12-18" apart.

Caring for Rosemary

Sprigs and leaves can be snipped off of the plant at any time during the growing season, but trim before blooming for the best results. Rosemary can be used fresh, be frozen, or be hung in a dark, cool, dry place such as a garage to use later.