



Herbs

CREATE VISUAL INTEREST WHILE
SPICING UP YOUR COOKING WITH HERBS

GROWING HERBS

Herbs are a garden world of excitement and intense sensory delight. These easy-to-grow plants have been cultivated for centuries by gardeners who have used them to nourish, heal and make our world a more attractive place to live.



soil

All herbs appreciate well drained soil and most have a better flavor if grown in soil that dries out a bit. However, many will tolerate dry, infertile soil once they are established.

planting

Most herbs need full sun for best results. They also need room to grow. Pay close attention to herbs that tend to creep, like mint, as some of them can take over a small garden. Consider growing these types of herbs in containers. When transplanting, loosen the roots of plants so they do not continue to circle as they did in the pot. This can usually be accomplished by pushing your thumbs into the rootball's center and then gently pulling outwards.

fertilizing

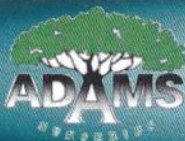
Your herbs have been fertilized daily before they arrived at our nursery, therefore it is essential that you continue feeding them. Use 20-20-20 fertilizer at two tablespoons per gallon of water once or twice a week.

watering

Herbs like to be a little on the dry side. Keeping herbs on the dry side forces the roots to stay at the bottom of the pot, looking for moisture. This promotes vigorous roots and healthy, strong plants. The best time to water herbs is in the morning so that they dry by nightfall. Don't let your herbs sit in water because this makes the roots "lazy" and less vigorous. This is especially true on cloudy days.

cutting

Generally, herbs that are leafy can be cut anytime. Herbs that are grown for flowers (lavender) should be cut just as the flower begins to open. Seeds should be harvested when they have lost their green color and are ready to drop. Cut herbs frequently to improve air circulation and help create neat, compact plants that are less woody. And, always cut stems to promote branching, vigorous new growth and strong roots.



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