

Growing Chives Outdoors

Allium schoenoprasum

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

3–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

DEER

Resistant

AT A GLANCE

Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) are one of the hardiest, most low-maintenance perennial herbs available -- zones 3–9, drought-tolerant once established, deer-resistant (like all *Allium*), and productive for years without replanting. Divide clumps every 3–4 years when they become overcrowded. The purple flowers are edible and attractive to pollinators.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/vegetables/growing-chives/>

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