

Growing Cilantro Outdoors

Coriandrum sativum

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

2–11

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

AT A GLANCE

Cilantro is a cool-season annual that bolts in heat and long days. In zone 7a, the productive leaf harvest window runs from approximately April through late May in spring, and again from late August through October in fall. There is no cilantro growing strategy that produces quality leaves through a northeastern summer. Plan for two short windows per year, not a continuous season.

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-cilantro/>

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