

# Growing French tarragon

*Artemisia dracunculus*

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**4–8**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

## AT A GLANCE

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Only French tarragon (*A. dracunculus* var. *sativa*) is worth growing. Always buy transplants from a reputable nursery, not seed. Taste a leaf before purchasing -- it should have a clear anise-licorice flavor. Grow in full sun with lean, very well-drained soil.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- 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-french-tarragon/>

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