

Growing lemongrass in temperate zones

Cymbopogon citratus

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

8–11

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

3–5 ft

AT A GLANCE

Lemongrass is one of the fastest-growing culinary herbs. Given full sun, heat, and consistent moisture, a single transplant reaches harvest size (12-18 inches tall) within 3-4 months. It is grown as an annual in zones 5-7 and requires either overwintering indoors or replanting each spring.

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-lemongrass/>

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