

Growing Oregano Outdoors

Origanum vulgare

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–10

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

AT A GLANCE

Oregano is perennial in zones 4–10 and easy to grow -- too easy, in some ways, because the common wild type (*O. vulgare*) has poor culinary value. For cooking, grow Greek oregano (*O. vulgare* subsp. *hirtum*) or Italian oregano (*O. x majoricum*). Same care requirements, far superior flavor. Harvest just before or at flowering for peak essential oil concentration.

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-oregano/>

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