

Growing Rosemary Outdoors

Salvia rosmarinus

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

2–10

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

AT A GLANCE

Rosemary is reliably perennial in USDA zones 8–10. In zones 7 and 7a it survives some winters but not others -- drainage matters as much as temperature. In zones 6 and colder, treat it as an annual or grow it in a container that comes indoors before hard frost. The number one killer of in-ground rosemary in the northeastern United States is wet, cold soil over winter, not temperature alone.

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

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