

# Growing summer savory and winter savory

*Satureja hortensis*

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**6–11**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

## AT A GLANCE

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Summer savory is one of the easiest annual herbs to grow from direct-sown seed -- faster than basil, less fussy than cilantro. Winter savory is a reliable perennial in zones 6-9 that needs sharply-drained soil and minimal fertilization. Both are underused in American kitchens relative to their culinary value.

## 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-summer-savory/>

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