

Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

5–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

1–3 ft

DEER

Resistant

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Lavender dies from one cause more than any other -- wet roots. Per Missouri Botanical Garden, "root rot commonly attacks plants grown in poorly drained soils" and "plants may not survive in winter if soils are not well-drained." Drainage is not a secondary concern with lavender. It is the primary one. Get drainage right first; everything else is forgiving.

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/plants/lavender-care/>