

Perennial Salvia

Salvia nemorosa

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–8

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

1–3 ft

DEER

Resistant

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Perennial salvia needs full sun and well-drained soil -- those two conditions cover 90% of long-term success. Cut the spent flower spikes back by half to two-thirds after the first bloom flush and you'll get a second, sometimes third, flush in the same season. Skip the cutback and you get one flush and a weedy-looking plant by August.

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/salvia-care/>