

How to Grow Savory

General

Summer savory is a half hardy annual. Winter savory is perennial. Both are well suited to container growing.

Latin

Summer savory: *Satureja hortensis* & Winter savory: *Satureja montana*

Family: Lamiaceae

Difficulty

Easy

Season & Zone

Exposure: Full sun

Zone: Summer savory: All zones, not winter hardy. Winter savory is hardy to Zone 5.

Timing

Sow the very tiny seeds indoors about 4-6 weeks before the last frost. They should sprout in 10-15 days.

Starting

Sow seeds on the surface of prepared starting mix. Do not bury them as they need light to germinate. Don't bother using bottom heat, as the seeds will sprout well without it. When seedlings are large enough to handle, delicately pot them on or transplant out to the herb garden once all risk of frost is past. Both varieties benefit from careful hardening off to reduce transplant shock.

Growing

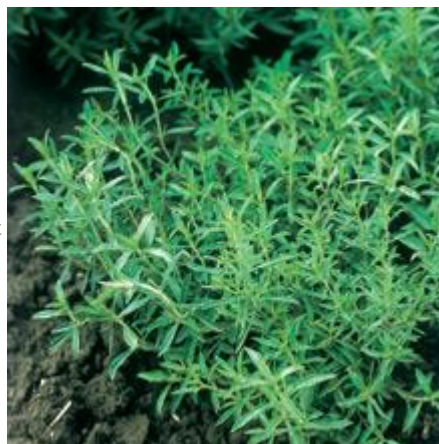
All savories prefer full sun and well-drained, rather poor soil. Summer savory wants a warm, protected spot in the herb garden, while winter savory is less fussy. Do not feed with liquid fertilizer. Pick leaves as needed and cut back if the plants begin to appear leggy.

Companion Planting

This herb attracts honeybees, and repels cabbage moths. Planting it near beans and onions will improve the flavour of both.



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Summer Savory