

ENGLISH vs FRENCH LAVENDER

ENGLISH LAVENDER *Lavender angustifolia*



- More compact, with shorter stems and narrow gray-green leaves
- Bloom time usually early to mid-summer, starting around June (blooms earlier than hybrid French)
- Traditional deeper purple colors of flowers with classic fragrance
- More compact and bushy growth habit (1.5' - 3')
- Great for culinary uses, essential oils, and drying
- Uses: borders, mass plantings, rock gardens, raised walls and containers

The Farm at Green Village recommends:

- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Hidcote'
- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead'
- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Superblue'
- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Sweet Romance'
- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Imperial Gem'

FRENCH LAVENDER *Lavender x intermedia*



- Taller and more upright, with longer stems that are gray/silver
- Bloom time usually mid-late summer, towards end of English Lavender blooms
- Floral, spicy scent
- Growth habit is larger and more upright (2' - 3' and 3.5')
- Commonly used in perfume production, and great for drying
- Uses: mass plantings, hedges rock gardens and accent plant, due to larger size

The Farm at Green Village recommends:

- *Lavandula x intermedia* 'Grosso'
- *Lavandula x intermedia* 'Provence'
- *Lavandula x intermedia* 'Phenomenal'
- *Lavandula x intermedia* 'Sensational'

BOTH ENGLISH & FRENCH LAVENDER

- Both need full sun and well drained soil. They are drought tolerant, and do NOT like clay soils or wet feet.
- Lavender needs to be pruned by:
 1. Shaping by a third in spring after leaves emerge
 2. Harvesting flowers mid to late summer
 3. Shaping by a third in the fall. These steps are critical to keep the plant dense and bushy, preventing it from growing too woody. Never cut into a lavender's woody growth.
- Both are native to the Mediterranean.
- Plant Lavender anywhere from 18-30 inches apart to ensure they have enough space to thrive.
- Remove faded flowers to encourage another flush of blooms.
- Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers, as they can affect flower production.
- Lavender is deer and rabbit resistant, and its oil is known to repel mosquitoes, moths, and fleas.