



Lavender

Lavender grows naturally in parched, malnourished soil in full sun. So it's best to plant lavender in your garden in a spot that will emulate these conditions as closely as possible.

- Plant in full sun, or at least in a spot that gets full sun all afternoon.
- Add plenty of gravel, grit or sharp sand to the planting hole to ensure good drainage.
- Don't add any fertiliser and don't add nutrient-rich compost in the planting hole. Ordinary top soil is all that is required.
- Water infrequently – only when very dry.
- After flowering (mid to late summer) cut back quite hard, making sure you leave about 3cm of **green** stem showing above the woody brown stems. New stems will then grow, giving your plant a fuller winter clothing of foliage.
- In early spring, you can give the plant another gentle trim.
- Do this every year to avoid having a "twiggy" looking plant.