

Herbs Recommended For Collin County

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Anise-Hyssop	Agastache foeniculum	P	4-9	2-4 ft high	Rich, Well-drained	Low to Med	Full Sun	Yes	Mild	Whole Plant, Leaves, Flowers, Oil	Strong anise smell
Basil (Sweet)	Ocimum basilicum	A		1-2 ft high	Rich, Moist, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	No		Leaves, Stems, Flowers	Sweet, slightly peppery
Basil (Thai)	Ocimum sp.	A		1-2 ft high	Rich, Well-drained	High	Full Sun	No		Leaves, Stalks	Sweet anise
Bay Laurel	Laurus nobilis	S		10-30 ft high	Dry to Well-drained	Low	Full Sun to Part Shade	Moderate	Mild	Leaves	Herbal, slightly floral
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	P	4-8	3-4 ft high	Well-drained	Med to High	Full Sun to Part Shade	Yes	No	Leaves, Flowers	Not often eaten; for tea
Borage	Borago officinalis	A		2-3 ft high	Moist, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	No		Leaves, Flowers, Seeds, Oil	Taste mildly of cucumber/Flowers are honey-like
Calendula	Calendula officinalis	A		1-2 ft high	Avg, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate		Flowers, Leaves	Mild, peppery
Catnip	Nepeta cataria	P	4-9	2-3 ft high	Avg, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun to Part Shade	Moderate	No	Leaves	Slightly minty, spicy flavor
Chives	Allium schoenoprasum	P	3-9	1 ft high	Moderate Rich, Well-drained	High	Full Sun to Light Shade	No	No	Leaves, Flowers	Onion
Cilantro/ Coriander	Coriandrum sativum	A		1-2 ft high	Moderate Rich, Moist, Well-Drained	Moderate	Full Sun to Light Shade	Moderate		Leaves, Seeds	Fresh, citrusy
Dill	Anethum graveolens	A		2-4 ft high	Moderate Rich, Moist, Well-Drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate		Leaves, Flowers, Seeds	Fresh, slightly bitter
Echinacea	Echinacea purpurea	P	3-9	2-4 ft high	Moist Soil	Low	Full Sun	Yes	No	Leaves, Seeds, Roots	Not often eaten; for tea
Fennel	Foeniculum vulgare	P	5-9	3-5 ft high	Well-drained	Medium	Full Sun	Yes	Mild	Leaves, Stems, Roots, Seeds, Oil	Sweet anise-like
Lavender	Lavandula spp.	P	5-8	Varies	Avg to Dry, Well-drained	Low	Full Sun	Yes	Mild	Stems, Flowers, Oil	Floral

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Lemon Verbena	Aloysia citrodora	P	8-10	2-3 ft high	Moist, Rich, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate	Yes	Leaves, Oil	Strong lemon
Mexican Mint Marigold	Tagetes lemmonii	P	8-10	2-3 ft high	Well-drained	Low	Full Sun	Yes	Mild	Leaves, Flowers	Lemon-mint
Mint	Mentha spp.	P	5-9	1-2 ft wide	Rich, Moist to Wet	High	Full Sun to Part Shade	Moderate	Mild	Leaves	Varies (peppermint, etc.)
Oregano	Origanum vulgare	P	5-9	1-2 ft wide	Well-drained to Dry	Moderate	Full Sun	Yes	Mild	Leaves, Flowers, Stems	Earthy, pungent
Parsley	Petroselinum crispum	B	6-9	1 ft high	Moderate Rich, Moist, Well-Drained	Moderate	Full Sun to Light Shade	Moderate	Yes	Leaves, Stalks	Fresh, slightly bitter
Pineapple Sage	Salvia elegans	P	9-10	3-4 ft high	Moderate Rich, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate	Mild	Leaves, Flowers	Sweet, pineapple
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	P	8-10	2-4 ft high	Well-drained to Dry	Low	Full Sun	Very	Mild	Leaves, Stems, Oil	Pine-like, savory
Sage	Salvia officinalis	P	4-9	1-2 ft high	Avg, Well-drained to Dry	Low	Full Sun	Yes	Yes	Leaves, Seeds	Earthy, savory
Sweet Marjoram	Origanum majorana	P	9-11	1 ft high	Avg to Rich, Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate	Yes	Leaves	Sweet, citrusy
Thyme	Thymus vulgaris	P	4-9	6-12 in high	Well-drained	Low	Full Sun to Part Shade	Yes	Yes	Whole Plant	Earthy, lemony
Winter Savory	Satureja montana	P	5-8	1-2 ft high	Dry to Well-drained	Moderate	Full Sun	Moderate	Yes	Leaves	Peppery, piney
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	P	3-9	2-3 ft high	Moist, Rich, Well-drained	Low	Full Sun	Yes	No	Whole Plant	Bitter, pungent flavor like tarragon

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