

Care Guide for Cilantro

Scientific name: *Coriandrum sativum*

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Watering

Frequency: Water when the top inch of soil becomes dry, about 1-2 times per week.

Amount: Water thoroughly until water drains out the bottom of the pot.

Seasonal Notes: Water more frequently during hot, dry weather and less in cooler seasons.

Light Requirements

Ideal: Full sun, at least 6 hours of direct sunlight per day.

Tolerates: Can tolerate partial shade, but may bolt (flower) sooner.

Temperature & Humidity

Optimal: 60-75°F (15-24°C)

Minimum: Cilantro is cool-weather loving and can tolerate temperatures as low as 40°F (4°C).

Humidity: Prefers average household humidity levels, around 40-60%.

Soil Requirements

Type: Well-draining, nutrient-rich potting mix or garden soil.

PH: Slightly acidic to neutral, between 6.0-7.0 pH.

Drainage: Excellent drainage is essential to prevent root rot.

Fertilizing

Schedule: Fertilize every 4-6 weeks during the growing season with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer.

Type: Use a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer high in nitrogen.

Maintenance

Pruning: Regularly harvest leaves to encourage new growth and prevent bolting.

Repotting: Repot in spring every 1-2 years, or when the plant becomes root-bound.

🌿 Common Problems & Solutions

Problem: Bolting (premature flowering)

Solution: Grow in partial shade, keep soil consistently moist, and harvest frequently to delay bolting.

Problem: Aphids or spider mites

Solution: Use insecticidal soap or neem oil to control pests.

Problem: Leaf spots or powdery mildew

Solution: Improve air circulation and use a fungicide as needed.

🌿 Pro Tips

- Grow cilantro in successive plantings every 2-3 weeks for a continuous harvest.
- Sow seeds directly in the ground or use cut-and-come-again harvesting for best results.
- Cilantro self-seeds readily, so you may get volunteer plants in subsequent seasons.