

Rosemary

Rosmarinus officinalis

Care instructions



Info

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) is a hardy, evergreen herb native to the Mediterranean region, valued for its aromatic leaves and versatile culinary uses. Rosemary can grow as a bushy shrub or smaller plant, reaching heights of 3–6 feet (1–2 meters). It thrives in well-draining, slightly acidic to neutral soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0, and prefers full sunlight for at least 6–8 hours per day. Rosemary grows best in moderate temperatures, ideally between 60°F to 75°F (15°C–24°C), and it is drought-tolerant once established. It is relatively low-maintenance, requiring infrequent watering, allowing the top 1–2 inches of soil to dry out between waterings. It prefers low humidity and benefits from occasional light fertilization. This herb is also resistant to pests and can be used in culinary dishes, as well as in aromatherapy or for ornamental purposes. Rosemary’s fragrant, needle-like leaves have a strong, pine-like aroma and can be harvested year-round.

Environmental Considerations

Soil

Well-draining, sandy soil with neutral pH

Upkeep

Water when the topsoil is dry, allow the plant to dry between waterings; light pruning to promote healthy growth

