Culinary Herb Guide

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Basil



USES

Pesto, Caprese, Vinegars

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

5-10

GROWING:

Cover seeds with 1/4-inch of soil and keep warm and moist.

Thyme



USES:

Compliments most meats (chicken, beef, pork and game) and roasted vegetables

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

10-15

GROWING:

Sprinkle a pinch of the small seeds on the soil surface and mist lightly, takes a long while to sprout, mist frequently.

Oregano



USES

Compliments Greek and Italian food: stews, grilled meats, pizza, salads, soups

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

7-14

GROWING:

Sprinkle a pinch of the small seeds on the soil surface and mist lightly, mist frequently.

Sage



USES

Compliments sausage, stuffing, pork, poultry, vegetables

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

10-20

GROWING:

Sage prefers well-drained, sandy or loamy soil, water young plants regularly until they are fully-grown.

Chives



USES:

Potatoes, omelettes, pasta, soup, salad, chicken, spreads

SUN:

4-6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

10-20

GROWING:

Chives grow best in rich, well-drained soil, work in a slow-release fertilizer into the soil before planting, water frequently when plants are young.

Parsley



USES:

Compliments meats, salads, soups and roasts

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

14-28

GROWING:

Soak seeds in warm water for up to 24-hours before planting, cover seeds with 1/8-inch of soil and keep moist, do not let the plants dry out completely.

Cilantro



USES:

Compliments Mexican, Asian and Indian foods: curries, soups and stews

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

10-15

GROWING:

Doesn't respond well to transplanting and root disturbance - use soil bocks to direct sow seeds outdoors 2 weeks before average last frost date, cover seeds with 1/2-inch of soil, keep moist.

Rosemary



USES:

Compliments most meats, potatoes, vegetables, salad dressing, bread

SUN:

At least 6 hours

DAYS TO GERMINATE:

14-28

GROWING:

Cover seeds with dusting of soil, mist seeds frequently, cover with plastic wrap, remove plastic wrap when they sprout.