

# Rosemary *officinalis*

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**Hardiness:** zone 8-10

**Height:** 1.5—2.5 m

**Spread:** 1.5— 2.5m

**Sunlight:** Full sun

**Flowers:** Spring

Deer Tolerant, Drought tolerant

### **General Description:**

*Rosmarinus officinalis*, commonly known as rosemary, is a generally erect, rounded, evergreen shrub with aromatic, needle-like, gray-green leaves and tiny, two-lipped, pale blue to white flowers. It typically grows to 4-6' tall in areas where it is winter hardy. The intensely fragrant foliage of this shrub is commonly harvested for a variety of purposes including culinary flavorings, toiletries and sachets.

### **Care Notes:**

Winter hardy to USDA Zone 8-10 where it may be grown in light, slightly acidic, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates light shade, but best performance is in full sun. Established plants have good drought tolerance. Performs poorly in heavy clay soils. Wet, poorly-drained soils in winter are usually fatal. If desired, prune plants after bloom to encourage dense foliage growth. Plants may also be pruned to specific shapes. Best propagated by cuttings.