

Growing Herbs In Baton Rouge

Good Things

Mild Winters
Long Growing Season
Adequate Rainfall

Not So Good Things

High Humidity
Long Hot Summers
Native Soil Has Poor Drainage

Clay Soil
Too Much Rain



DILL

Full sun. Plant seed in fall or early spring. Plant purchased plants in fall or late winter



BASIL

Best in full sun —
Keep flowers removed
Plant when soil and air are warm —April. Grows best when kept watered and mulched



MINTS

Shade, partial sun, container sunken into soil, best flavor in partial sun, Grows best in loose, well drained soil, likes water, water, water — cut frequently.



CHIVES

Sun or partial shade-Essential Kitchen Herb. Purchased plants can be planted anytime; edible flowers. Seeds germinate slowly and take about a year to mature.



MEXICAN MINT MARIGOLD

Full Sun. Blooms in Fall; Small yellow flowers. Comes back from roots in spring.



PARSLEY

Partial sun
Plant in fall or winter as it gets warmer, plant will start to flower and fade.



ROSEMARY

Sun or some shade
Well drained soil necessary-
pot or raised bed-alkaline soil best
Plant purchased plants



THYME

Prefer sun and well drained soil (pot or raised bed) Purchased plants are easiest way to establish.
Plant, keep watered.



MARJORAM

Full Sun to some shade, fall or late winter



OREGANO

Full sun for best flavor, well drained soil. Greek oregano will not tolerate a hard freeze.
Herb Society has Madalene Hill Oregano-best flavor,



PINEAPPLE SAGE

Sun or partial shade; edible **RED**
Humming bird flower. Comes
back from roots in the spring.
Purchase plants in early spring



CORIANDER/CILANTRO

Plant seed or plants in the fall.
Not particular about soil or water.



CHERVIL

Best in partial shade. Plant in fall
or late fall. Hardy to 25°



LAVENDER

French lavender is recommended
for growing in the South. Dutch
and Goodwin Creek are also good
varieties for Baton Rouge.
English lavender won't tolerate
heat, may grow in mild winter.
Tricky to grow lavender.