



Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)

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A beautiful perennial herb that produces lavender purple flower spikes above oval-shaped, serrated leaves. It is a member of the mint family and emits a strong licorice odor. The leaves may be used to make herbal tea or jelly and the flowers may be cut and dried.

Type	Perennial
Hardiness Zone	3-8
Sun	Partial to full sun
Bloom Time	Mid to late summer
Height	2' - 4'
Spread	18" - 36"
Tolerance	Drought tolerant
Attracts	Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators
Additional Features	Deer resistant although rabbits may eat the plant

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: Prefers well drained soil
- Soil pH: 6.0-7.0
- Type: Sandy-clay soil

Planting Recommendations

- Type: Easily propagated from seed, although may also be propagated from plant cuttings or rhizome division in spring or fall.
- When to plant: Spring
- Depth of planting: Barely cover with dirt as the seeds need light to germinate.
- Space: 12 - 24" apart
- Division/transplant tips: Plants may be divided in spring or fall.

Maintenance

- Watering: low to medium moisture
- Fertilization: little or no additional fertilizer
- Pinching/deadheading: will promote secondary flowers and lengthen bloom time.



- Annual maintenance: Cut back and remove all debris

Common Problems

Disease: Watch for crown or root rot in poorly drained soils. May also develop rust, powdery mildew or leaf spots.

Insects: no serious insect problems

Resources

Questions or problems: check “What’s wrong with my plant” at:

<https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu>

<https://extension.psu.edu>

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