

## Lovely Lavender



is well suited to the Pacific Northwest climate. It tolerates the drought we have in the summer and is resistant to slugs, bugs and diseases. There are ordinary lavenders, English, French, Canary Island and Spanish lavenders. They bloom in shades of lavender and purple, white, pink and even yellow-green. The foliage ranges from dusty green to silvery gray and even a bright chartreuse. You can get tiny lavender that is six inches tall or bushes that are more than four feet in height. The intensity of their fragrance also varies.

For detailed instructions on planting and pruning lavender, visit the [Purple Haze Lavender](#) website. This farm is located on the Olympic Peninsula and is part of the lavender festival held each July. The [6th Annual Celebrate Lavender Festival](#) will be held at Sequim this coming July 19, 20, and 21. [Their website can be found at http://www.lavenderfestival.com/](http://www.lavenderfestival.com/). In addition to a street fair, eight lavender farms will be open for touring.

Got a yen for foreign travel? Go to the Beyond region of [Provence France](#) where they have a strong cottage industry of lavender products. Or, travel to Tasmania where there are large commercial lavender farms.

If you are interested in lavender taxonomy, visit [Purple Haze Lavender Ltd.](#) for all those little-known facts.

Lastly, [The Herbal Touch](#) website, has a wonderful article by Marilyn Edmison-Driedger that details many uses of lavender from using it in soap and bath oils, to fragrance and cooking. The Herbal Information Center talks about using lavender oil to provide relief from rheumatism, sprains and sore joints.





Commercial lavender fields in Rowella, (North-East) Tasmania.