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## **Basil**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: basil.

Sweet basil smells and tastes spicy and fresh, and is often used for flavor in Italian, Asian, and other cuisine. This herb is perfect for growing in the fall.

Basil can grow quite large, and the leaf colors range from green to purple. The tender leaves can be used fresh at any time or dried for later use.

Basil is attractive as a potted plant or can be incorporated into landscape plantings. You can plant seeds or purchase transplants for your garden.

Basil will thrive in any sunny, well-drained location, and will do best in soils with plenty of organic matter. Basil plants are sensitive to frost, so provide protection on cold nights.

Use your basil in pesto, salad dressings, or a gourmet omelet!

For more information about basil and other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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