

## **GROWING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Starting Lavender:**

Plant shallow and water thoroughly, top of potting soil should be level with the ground.

### **Soil:**

Soil should be well worked with a Ph of 6.5 or higher. Limestone based soil works well.

### **Drainage:**

Needs good drainage, use raised beds or plant on a gentle slope. Lavender does not like wet feet.

### **Spacing:**

Space plants 100% of the plants mature size, fully grown branches should barely touch. After winter, remove dead leaves from the base of the plants to improve air circulation.

### **Sun:**

Needs full sun, a minimum of 6 plus hours per day,

### **Water:**

Always water around the base of the plant, not through the leaves. During the first year water regularly especially during the summer heat. Once established, you can reduce watering to once or twice a month. Again, lavender does not like wet feet!

### **Humidity:**

Good drainage and good air circulation increase your chance of success. Still air makes the plant more susceptible to root rot.

### **Pruning Lavender:**

**Pruning in late fall to early winter promotes new growth and blooming for the new year. Cut 1/3 of the green foliage/leaves off the plant to give it a domed shape. First season prune off all of the blooms, the plants energy should be directed to growing roots, not flowers.**