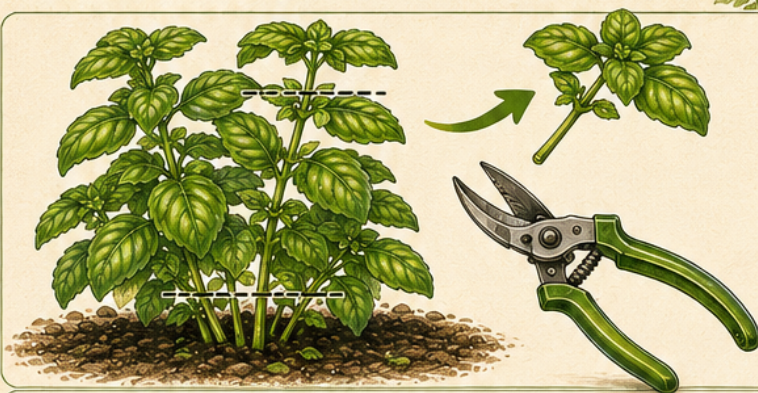


PRUNE BASIL THIS WAY AND IT WILL KEEP GROWING

All Summer.

Harvesting basil by picking random leaves could be limiting your harvest. The secret to bigger, bushier basil plants is proper pruning. This guide explains exactly where to snip stems to encourage branching, when to prune for the best results, and how regular trimming leads to continuous growth throughout the season.

You'll also find clever tips for turning ordinary supermarket basil into thriving, productive plants. With a few well-placed cuts, your basil can stay lush, flavorful, and ready to harvest for months.



WHY PRUNING WORKS

- Encourages branching for a fuller plant.
- More leaves, more flavor, more harvests!
- Prevents flowering so leaves stay tender.
- Regular pruning = continuous growth all season long.

6 STEPS TO PRUNE BASIL FOR MAXIMUM GROWTH

1 CUT ABOVE THE NODES



Look for a set of leaves (a node). Cut just above it with clean scissors or pruners. New growth will sprout from the nodes below.

2 SNIP THE TOP GROWTH



Remove the top 2-3 inches of the main stem. This signals the plant to branch out instead of growing taller.

3 PRUNE SIDE SHOOTS TOO



When side shoots grow 2-3 inches long, pinch or cut them back to encourage even more branching.

4 HARVEST REGULARLY



Don't wait too long! Regular pruning (and harvesting) keeps the plant productive and prevents it from becoming leggy.

5 DON'T LET IT FLOWER



If flower buds appear, pinch them off immediately. This keeps the plant focused on leaf production and preserves the flavor.

6 KEEP IT WELL WATERED AND FED



Consistent water and a balanced fertilizer help your basil bounce back quickly after pruning and keep the leaves tender and tasty.

KATY'S FARM TIP

I know it feels wrong to cut so much off a perfectly good basil plant, but trust the process! The more you prune, the bushier and more productive your plant becomes. I prune mine at least once a week all summer long!

♥ Katy



BEST BASIL FOR BUSHY GROWTH

Italian Large Leaf Basil is the most vigorous and responds best to pruning.



TURN SUPERMARKET BASIL INTO A THRIVING PLANT

- Remove any flowers or yellow leaves.
- Repot in fresh, rich soil.
- Prune back the tops by at least 50%.
- Water well and place in full sun.
- Watch it transform in a week!



GOOD TO KNOW

Basil is a fast grower. Regular pruning keeps it healthy, sweet, and productive all season long.



Prune a little, harvest a lot, enjoy all summer!

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