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<b>English Lavender (<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>)</b>			
<b>Arctic Snow</b>	5-9	2' x 2'	Low growing, compact lavender with dense spikes of pure white flowers above gray-green foliage from mid to late summer. Very fragrant flowers are excellent for drying
<b>Betty's Blue</b>	5-9	2.5-3' x 2.5-3'	Prolific bloomer in June. By 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, it can produce hundreds of 6-8" stems. Very fragrant, deep lavender blue, velvety flowers on a tall plant. Sweet, mild flavor is excellent for culinary use. One of the best lavenders for drying.
<b>Big Time Blue</b>	5-9	18-20" x 30"	Silver green foliage and dark blue-purple, 4 in. flower spikes. Works well in containers, borders, or as a low hedge. Highly scented flowers from early summer into fall are perfect for bouquets, sachets, and cooking.
<b>Blue Cushion</b>	5-9	12-16" x 12-16"	Silver green leaves and a profusion of blooms from late spring to late summer. Flowers are deep blue fading to light blue on a compact, mounding plant.
<b>Blue Jeans</b>	6-9	16" x 16"	Foliage is gray green complimenting deep purple flowers. Blooms twice a season with deadheading. Neat, compact form.
<b>Blue River</b>	5-9	12-14" x 12-14"	A small, compact, mounding plant that is very floriferous. Intensely purple, fragrant flowers from mid-summer to fall. Great for containers and as edging.
<b>Blue Scent</b>	5-9	12" x 12"	Leaves are silvery green, and flowers are deep purple with a lovely scent. Nice for cut flower arrangements. Plants are compact and dense and will rebloom if dead headed. May self sow.
<b>Blue Spear</b>	6-8	12" x 12"	Flowers are large, royal purple, and very showy. Strongly fragrant, flowers are great in potpourris and sachets. Plants are compact and nice in rock gardens and borders.

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<b>Dwarf Blue</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>6-10" x 12-18"</b>	Blue-green foliage and medium, purple-blue spikes on short stalks in summer. Use in rock gardens, as low hedge, or for borders and edging. Nice winter appearance. Plants are compact and dense.
<b>Ellagance Snow</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-18" x 10-12"</b>	Gray-green leaves and very fragrant spikes of white blossoms. Great for bouquets, sachets, and cooking. Plants are well branched and have a mounding habit. Bloom summer into fall.
<b>Ellagance Pink</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-18" x 10-12"</b>	Similar characteristics to 'Ellagance Snow' with soft pink flowers.
<b>Folgate</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>2' x 2.5'</b>	Gray-green foliage with 10" stemmed flower spikes of periwinkle blue, a unique color for craft projects. A mild sweet scent makes it excellent for culinary use. Plants have a tidy, compact habit and bloom in July.
<b>Forever Blue</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-14" x 10-12"</b>	Compact, upright plants bloom early and continue blooming all summer with long spikes of dark blue/purple flowers. An intoxicating fragrance is great for bouquets, sachets, and potpourri. Makes pollinators happy.
<b>French Perfume</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-16" x 12-16"</b>	Deep purple, strongly fragrant flowers above gray-green foliage. Blooms midsummer to fall and blooms first year. Excellent for potpourris and lavender wands.
<b>Hidcote</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>10-14" x 16-20"</b>	A hardy, productive old favorite with fragrant, deep-purple flowers on short stems in summer and dense, soft, gray-green foliage. Uniform, compact growth habit. Great in sachets and potpourris, wreaths, and decorative bunches. It is widely considered the best for culinary use.
<b>Jean Davis</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>18" x 18"</b>	Bright green foliage and light pink flowers that have a wonderful, sweet and fruity flavor. Blooms late May through July. Benefits from late afternoon shade.

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<b>Lavance Purple</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12" x 12"</b>	Gray-green foliage and deep purple flowers that are very fragrant. Delightful as an edging plant and performs beautifully in containers. Reblooms if kept deadheaded.
<b>Melissa Lilac</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>24" x 16"</b>	Silvery gray foliage and large, beautiful lilac flowers. Sweetly fragrant with mild flavor for cooking. It is lovely in oils and infusions. Blooms late summer
<b>Munstead</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>15-18" x 20-24"</b>	Classic cultivar from southern UK. Profusion of fragrant lavender-blue flowers in early summer. It is one of the earliest flowering. Plants form a dense mound of medium-green foliage, and are hardy, dependable, and especially heat-tolerant with a nice appearance year-round. Good for edging, hedges, and in containers. A popular variety for cooking.
<b>Platinum Blonde</b>	<b>5/6-9</b>	<b>16-24" x 18"</b>	A new and unusual lavender with broad green leaves edged in cream and exceptionally fragrant, purple flowers. Plants have a compact habit that works well in the garden or a container. Blooms mid-summer. Both flowers and foliage are perfect for bouquets. Variegation fades in late fall but returns in spring.
<b>Royal Velvet</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>24-36" x 24"</b>	A large plant with gray-green foliage and very showy, deep violet blooms on 20" stems in early summer. Flower spikes are 3-4" (longer than Hidcote) and hold color beautifully for drying. Aromatic and an excellent culinary lavender with a subtle sweet flavor.
<b>Super Blue</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>12" x 12"</b>	Gray-green foliage forms a compact mound. Flowers are deep blue and large on short stems. Plants are very hardy. Excellent for culinary purposes, drying, and bouquets. Long bloom time - June through September.
<b>Sweet Dreams Blue</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-18" X 6-10"</b>	Exceptional heat tolerance and fragrance. Strong plants have deep blue flowers.
<b>Thumbelina Leigh</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>15" x 15"</b>	Noted for its compact, rounded habit, this selection has plump, lavender blue, fragrant flowers on short stems and gray-green, fragrant foliage. It works well as an edger, in rock gardens, and in containers and blooms from early to mid-summer.

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<b>Twickle Purple</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>18-24" x 30-36"</b>	A reliable old variety that is versatile and very fragrant with tapered spikes of deep-mauve flowers fanning out on 8-12" stems. Leaves are long, narrow, and gray-green leaves. Plants are upright but with an open habit (pruning may be needed to maintain mounded appearance). Good in sachets, potpourri, and in the kitchen. Blooms mid-summer.
<b>Vera</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>18" x 20"</b>	Generally regarded as the true lavender. Grows in a compact mound with light-purple flowers on 15" stems. Blooms midsummer into fall. Long-lasting fragrance for potpourri and sachets and among the best for aromatherapy and medicinal purposes.
<b>Vicenza Blue</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>12-16" x 12-16"</b>	A compact, bushy variety with gray-green foliage and very fragrant spikes of deep lavender-blue flowers July to September. Excellent for drying.
<b>Wee One</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>8-10" x 12-16"</b>	Silver foliage is dense and forms compact mounds. Short, lavender blue flower spikes bloom late spring-early summer.
<b>French Lavender (<i>Lavandula dentata</i>)</b>			
<b>French</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>4' x 3'</b>	Finely cut, bright green foliage with compact flower heads surmounted by light-purple bracts. Great for topiary and in containers. Most attractive lavender to hummingbirds. As a houseplant, it is a trusty winter bloomer with 5 hrs. sunlight. <b><u>Tender perennial - winter indoors.</u></b>

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<b><i>Lavandula x heterophylla</i></b>			
<b>Goodwin Creek</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>3' x 3'</b>	A bushy mass of silvery, fuzzy, toothed leaves and rich purple flowers from late spring into fall. Fast growing, very ornamental, and good as a topiary and in containers. It is a reliable indoor bloomer even in winter (with 5 hrs. sunlight). Attracts bees, butterflies, hummingbirds. <b><u>Tender perennial, winter indoors or give winter protection.</u></b>
<b>Sweet Lavender</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>3-4' x 3'</b>	A sizeable and upright <b><u>tender perennial!</u></b> Green foliage and long (up to 2') spikes of purple flowers in early spring and late summer. The long, flexible stems are perfect to weave into wands. Both flowers and foliage are highly scented with piney undertones. Not a culinary lavender due to high menthol content but excellent as a cut flower. Winter indoors and enjoy the lovely scent all year
<b><i>Lavandin (Lavandula x intermedia)</i></b>			
<b>Bridget Chloe</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>30" x 60"</b>	Gray-green foliage and deep purple, highly fragrant flowers on long spikes. Plants have a mounding habit. Blooms hold color and scent when dried and are perfect for wands, potpourris, and fresh bouquets. Blooms June-July.
<b>Edelweiss</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>24" x 48"</b>	Compact, mounding habit and gray-green foliage. A profuse summer bloomer with 12" stems bearing spikes of light pink buds opening to creamy white flowers. Sweet scent attracts butterflies and bees. Good as a culinary lavender, and intense scent makes it great for potpourri and crafts.

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<b>Gros Bleu</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>24-30" x 30-36"</b>	A new French cultivar noted for 4" long, indigo blue flower heads held on 2' stems. Blooms hold their color when dried, are wonderful for fresh or dried bouquets and wands, and have a sweet scent with less camphor than most lavandins. More compact plant than Grosso and blooms June-October.
<b>Grosso</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>18-24" x 30-36"</b>	Very fragrant and high in essential oils. Long, tapered, green-blue leaves with a dense, rounded, upright habit. Large, thick, purple spikes atop 16-20" stems in summer. Deadhead for second flush in fall. Good as a cut flower and for wands and crafting.
<b>Hidcote Giant</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>24-30" x 36-42"</b>	Heat tolerant and very fragrant. Silvery foliage and bright violet flowers on long, airy stems that are good for wands and cut flowers. Plants have a mounding habit.
<b>Phenomenal</b>	<b>4-10</b>	<b>24-32" x 24-32"</b>	A remarkably hardy lavender, tolerant of harsh winters and hot, humid summers and very disease resistant. Bright blue flowers on long spikes above silvery foliage. Blooms heavily in late spring to early summer and sometimes reblooms in fall if deadheaded. Mounding habit. Fragrance is strong, and flowers are excellent in cut or dried arrangements. Also good for culinary uses.
<b>Provence</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>18-24" x 24-30"</b>	Grayish-green leaves form a bushy clump. Narrow spikes of light-purple flowers are held on long stems 12-16" above foliage. Summer bloomer and a reliable rebloomer if deadheaded. High oil content and a strong, sweet fragrance that is excellent in fresh arrangements, potpourris, sachets, and wands. One of the best lavandins for culinary use.
<b>Riverina Thomas</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>24-36" x 24-36"</b>	A new and very oil rich selection that blooms in midsummer and reblooms in fall. Foliage is gray-green and flowers are very large, deep purple, and intensely scented on long stems. High oil content makes this lavender great for essential oil, potpourris, and sachets and adds great fragrance for fresh bouquets.

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<b>Seal</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>24-36" x 24-36"</b>	A very large lavender with green foliage and aromatic, violet-blue flowers on 12" spikes that fan out from the plant. The perfume lasts several years in sachets and is wonderful in bouquets. Blooms mid-late summer
<b>Sensational!</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>18" x 30"</b>	Compact habit, silver foliage, and large, deep purple flowers. Low camphor content, so scent is light and sweet, and this lavender is great for cooking, drying, and fresh bouquets. Introduced by the same plant breeders that gave us 'Phenomenal' so we're thinking it's going to be good! Blooms all summer into fall.