

# Thyme

*Thymus vulgaris* · Mint family

**DIFFICULTY** Easy  
**TYPE** Evergreen perennial shrub  
**MATURITY** Usable from 8–10 weeks



SUN  
Full sun



WATER  
Low, drought-tolerant once established



SOIL PH  
6.0–8.0



SPACING  
30–40cm



DEPTH  
as per pot

## 01 Thrives on neglect

Thyme does best in lean, free-draining soil with minimal watering once established — rich soil and too much water actually weaken its flavour and vigour.



bushy perennial clump



or strike a cutting in a pot

## 02 Planting

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| METHOD | Plant from a nursery pot, or strike cuttings.       |
| SOIL   | Free-draining, lean — avoid rich, heavily fed soil. |
| TIMING | Plant in spring or autumn.                          |

## 04 Problems

- **Root rot** — from overwatering or poor drainage.
- **Woody, sparse growth** — from lack of trimming; prune regularly.
- **Powdery mildew** — poor airflow; space plants well.
- **Few other issues** — a hardy, low-maintenance herb.

## 03 Growing care

- Water sparingly once established.
- Trim after flowering to keep a compact, bushy shape.
- Avoid mulch touching the woody base.
- Divide or replace plants every few years as they get woody.

## 05 Harvest & storage

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| SIGNS   | Usable year-round once established.                                |
| METHOD  | Snip sprigs as needed.                                             |
| CURING  | Air-dry hanging in small bunches.                                  |
| STORAGE | Fresh in the fridge 1–2 weeks; dried, airtight for a year or more. |

## 06 Companions & rotation

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| PLANT NEARBY                         | AVOID NEARBY                             | ROTATION NOTE                      |
| <div>Cabbage</div> <div>Tomato</div> | <div>Basil (different water needs)</div> | Not applicable — long-lived shrub. |