Growing Sage

Plant, prune, and harvest



Stage	When	Tips
Plant	In spring, after the last frost	Full sun, well-drained soil; 18 to 24 inches apart
Prune	In spring, when new leaves show	Cut back by about a third, not into old bare wood
Take cuttings	Spring and early summer	3- to 4-inch pieces; roots form in 4 to 6 weeks
Harvest	Anytime the plant is growing	Strongest flavor just before it flowers
Replace	Every 4 to 5 years	Start new plants from cuttings or layering

Sage Growing Tips

- Wet soil in winter is the most common way to lose sage
- Pinch the tips in summer to keep it bushy
- Skip fall pruning
- Dry bunches upside down, or freeze leaves in ice cube trays