

Lavender for Containers

I have had a number of questions about growing lavender in containers. I have never done it and always worried about being successful growing a perennial in a container. It would get too cold if I left it outside through our winter but if I brought it in that did not work either because it needed to go into dormancy.

However, a lady in Maryland who told me after one of my presentations that she had success with lavender in a container on her deck. She said that she had an attached garage and she put the lavender/container in the garage during the winter. It was not heated but it did not get very cold either. She watered only sparingly and then in the spring brought it out. So this may be something to try for those who want to try growing lavender in a container

In the "Lavender Lovers Handbook" there is a list of lavenders that do well in containers. They are compact and smaller in size. The following is that list.

A list of *lavandula angustifolia* that does well in containers

(per Lavender Lover's Handbook by Sarah Berringer Bader)

- 1) Lavandula anugustifolia 'Blue River'
- 2) L. angustifolia 'Dwarf Blue'
- 3) L. angustifolia 'Hidcote Superior'
- 4) L. angustifolia Lavenite Petite'
- 5) L. angustifolia 'Little Lottie'
- 6) L angustifolia 'Thumbelina Leigh'

I recommend that if you try this you put at least 8 inches of rock in the bottom of the container and the soil should be a mixture of sand, rock and dirt. You should also have full sun.