

# GROWER'S FACTS

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## Lovage

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**PLANTATION: Indoor:** sow the seeds in April in multi-cells, taking care to cover the seeds with 1 cm of soil. The germination time is 20 days.  
**Outdoor:** direct sowing in pockets of 2-3 seeds directly in place at the beginning of June or in September, covering the seeds with 2 cm of soil.

**SOIL: Indoor:** A well-drained, porous seedling soil is ideal for preventing overwatering.

**Outdoor:** Lovage can grow very well in a sunny location or in partial shade without any problem. The important thing is to provide it with a well-drained soil rich in humus which will promote its development.

**SPACING:** space them one yard in all directions.

**CULTURAL PRACTICES:** Once planted, do not forget to water your lovage plant on a regular basis, especially during the first year. Once the plant is well anchored in the ground, you should be able to space your watering without a problem and allow three good years to get a mature plant. Cover the base with mulch to keep the soil moist and protect the roots from the cold.

Lovage can grow very well in a sunny location or in partial shade without any problem. It is invasive, for a planting in the ground; it is suggested to define its location well and to control its expansion. Prune to bush, remove the flowers if you do not collect the seeds. Divide the stump in the fall every three or four years.

**HARVEST:** harvest any foliage growing outside the central rosette. Harvesting is done throughout the season before flowering. The taproot is harvested from mature plants at least four years old. It can be eaten fresh or dried. Dry leaves and seed clusters by hanging them upside down. Use a paper bag to collect the seeds which when dried and the come off easily. It is possible to freeze leaves, but they must be blanched for one minute and finely chopped before freezing.