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Success with Herbs

For Herbs planted in the ground:

Condition the soil with manure, soil conditioner, and any good organic fertilizer like Plant-Tone or Bio-Tone. You can also feed with a liquid fertilizer such as fish emulsion, Peter's Professional, or Miracle-Gro several times throughout the growing season.

HOWEVER: Don't overfeed your herbs. They're tough critters, and they thrive in rather poor conditions. In fact, if you feed them too much, they'll become too leggy and sprawling, and their fragrance and flavor will be weakened. Feed just enough to maintain good color and growth.

Transplanting Tips

Proper transplanting is essential for abundant growth and strong future harvests. Here are some pointers:

Don't yank the transplant from its pot by the stem. Loosen the root-ball by squeezing plastic pots, then turn the pot upside-down and rap the edge on your open hand. The plant should gently tumble into your hand. (And it will thank you for your kindness.)

Spread the roots so that they don't continue to circle around the rootball (if they did in the pot). If needed, take a sharp knife and slit the root system in a few places lengthwise to loosen the overgrown roots.

Place transplants in planting holes and water well with a solution of liquid fertilizer at half the recommended strength (or use Plant-tone). Backfill and gently firm the soil.

For Herbs in containers:

Mix one part Manure with two parts potting soil. If you want, add some Osmocote time-release fertilizer according to the size of the pot. After planting, you can liquid-feed the plants, using your choice of fish emulsion, Peter's Professional, or Miracle-Gro.

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Watch the soil for moisture content, since herbs tend to be thirsty in sunny locations or inside the house, where the humidity is low. If you stick your finger into the soil and it feels dry down to the first joint, it's time to water!

A few more rules:

- ◇ Most herbs require at least 5 hours of sunlight daily.
- ◇ Plants indoors should be kept out of drafts and extreme temperatures.
- ◇ Potted herbs make great (edible!) centerpieces.
- ◇ Frequent watering leaches nutrients from the soil, so keep up that fertilization so growth remains even. (Perhaps every time you water them?)
Remove parsley leaves from the outside of the plant; new growth comes in the center.



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