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# All About Lavender

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  - *Lavendula angustifolia* – English Lavender
  - *Lavendula x. intermedia*/Lavandin
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  - Araceli Farms, 7389 Pitt School Road, Dixon <https://www.aracelifarms.com/>
  - Bluestone Meadow, 2025 Carson Road, Placerville <http://www.bluestonemeadow.com/>
  - Morningsun Herb Farm, 6137 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville <https://morningsunherbfarm.com/>
  - Many Oaks Farms in Shingle Springs – Check Facebook

## Resources

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7. UC Davis Arboretum All-Star Database – 100 outstanding performers for our area.

<https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant-database>

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8. WUCOLS IV (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) – Allows plant searches by location and water needs. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>

9. "All About Lavender" PowerPoint: [ucanr.edu/sites/EDC\\_Master\\_Gardeners/files/385323.pdf](https://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/files/385323.pdf)

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## Caring for your lavender cuttings

Follow these steps to take care of your cuttings:

- Moisten the soil well - keep it moist like a rung-out sponge.
- Provide humidity by covering the cuttings with an upside-down plastic bag or plastic dome.
- Place the cuttings in a location with filtered sun, not a windowsill with full sun that can bake the cuttings.
- Open the bag periodically. If the soil is too moist, shake excess water out of the bag and leave it open. Water or mist if the soil feels dry.
- Root development should start in 4-6 weeks. You can give the cutting a slight tug to check for resistance.
- Plant in a one-gallon pot when you see substantial plant growth. Plant in your garden in the fall.