



Visit any of our store locations to discuss your plant selections with one of our lawn & garden experts!

Brookfield

14845 W Capitol Drive
(262) 783-2323

Milwaukee

5400 S. 27th Street
(414) 761-5400

Wauwatosa

12217 Watertown Plank
(414) 763-6599

Greenfield

3725 S. 108th Street
(414) 328-5600

Waukesha

2220 E Moreland Blvd
(262) 797-7070

Racine

6626 Washington Ave
(262) 886-7900

Mequon

10850 N Port Washington
(262) 241-2121

West Bend

601 Wildwood Road
(262) 338-5252

Appleton

4860 W Wisconsin Ave
(920) 735-7777

Oshkosh

300 S. Koeller Street
(920) 426-6300

Green Bay

980 Waube Lane
(920) 339-2200

Big Bend

571 W23445 National
(262) 662-5800

Kenosha

6300 Green Bay Road
(262) 605-0280

Germantown

W184 N9676 Appleton
(262) 253-1147

Oconomowoc

1570 Unity Drive
(262) 560-4191

Bellevue

2727 Eaton Road
(920) 884-2255

Kimberly

710 Cobblestone Lane
(920) 687-5013



Tricolor Sage

Salvia officinalis 'Tricolor'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Common Sage, Culinary Sage

Edible Qualities

Tricolor Sage is a perennial herb that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The fragrant narrow grayish green leaves with showy purple variegation and tinges of white can be harvested at any time in the season. The leaves have a savory taste and a strong fragrance.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning

Features & Attributes

Tricolor Sage has masses of beautiful racemes of fragrant lilac purple flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves are grayish green in color with showy purple variegation and tinges of white. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous purple in the fall.



Tricolor Sage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Tricolor Sage foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

We are so proud of the nursery stock that we have carefully selected for superior quality and performance, WE GUARANTEE ALL TREES, SHRUBS, EVERGREENS FOR 2 YEARS, AND ROSES FOR 1 YEAR!



Visit any of our store locations to discuss your plant selections with one of our lawn & garden experts!

Brookfield

14845 W Capitol Drive
(262) 783-2323

Milwaukee

5400 S. 27th Street
(414) 761-5400

Wauwatosa

12217 Watertown Plank
(414) 763-6599

Greenfield

3725 S. 108th Street
(414) 328-5600

Waukesha

2220 E Moreland Blvd
(262) 797-7070

Racine

6626 Washington Ave
(262) 886-7900

Mequon

10850 N Port Washington
(262) 241-2121

West Bend

601 Wildwood Road
(262) 338-5252

Appleton

4860 W Wisconsin Ave
(920) 735-7777

Oshkosh

300 S. Koeller Street
(920) 426-6300

Green Bay

980 Waube Lane
(920) 339-2200

Big Bend

571 W23445 National
(262) 662-5800

Kenosha

6300 Green Bay Road
(262) 605-0280

Germantown

W184 N9676 Appleton
(262) 253-1147

Oconomowoc

1570 Unity Drive
(262) 560-4191

Bellevue

2727 Eaton Road
(920) 884-2255

Kimberly

710 Cobblestone Lane
(920) 687-5013

This is an herbaceous perennial herb with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition. This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Tricolor Sage is suitable for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Tricolor Sage will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 9 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tricolor Sage is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

We are so proud of the nursery stock that we have carefully selected for superior quality and performance, WE GUARANTEE ALL TREES, SHRUBS, EVERGREENS FOR 2 YEARS, AND ROSES FOR 1 YEAR!