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## Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil

***Ocimum basilicum 'Emerald Towers'***



*Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

Well branched, compact and tidy, this variety flowers weeks later than the standard basil; this columnar selection is perfect for small gardens or patio containers; fragrant and delicious, perfect for salads, caprese or herb dressings

**Edible Qualities**

Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil is an annual herb that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The fragrant oval green leaves can be harvested at any time in the season. The leaves have a pleasant taste and a pleasant fragrance.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning



*Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil foliage*
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**Planting & Growing**

Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil 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.