

# Dried Lavender Storage Guide



## How to Store Dried Lavender

### *A Simple Reference Guide*

Dried lavender holds its fragrance, color, and usefulness best when it is stored with care. Proper storage is not complicated, but small choices make a meaningful difference over time.

This guide is meant to be a practical reference — something to return to as needed.

## Why Proper Storage Matters

Lavender's natural oils are delicate. Light, heat, moisture, and air exposure can slowly diminish what makes lavender special.

Thoughtful storage helps:

- Preserve fragrance
- Maintain color
- Prevent mold or mildew
- Protect against pests

When stored well, lavender can be enjoyed for many months, often much longer.

## Best Storage Conditions

Lavender stores best when kept:

- **Cool**

- **Dry**
- **Out of direct light**
- **Protected from excess air**

Avoid areas with humidity or fluctuating temperatures.

## **Choosing the Right Container**

Good storage options include:

- Glass jars with tight-fitting lids
- Metal tins
- Dark or opaque containers
- Cloth or paper bags for short-term storage

Avoid containers that trap moisture.

## **Preparing Lavender for Storage**

Before storing:

- Ensure lavender is fully dried
- Buds should feel crisp
- Stems should snap cleanly

Lavender may be stored as whole bundles or with buds removed from stems, depending on preference.

## **How to Store Dried Lavender**

1. Place lavender into a clean, dry container
2. Leave minimal space for air
3. Seal gently but securely

4. Label with the storage date
5. Store in a cool, dry place such as a cupboard or drawer

## **Long-Term Storage Tips**

For extended storage:

- Use airtight containers
- Keep away from light
- Consider adding a small desiccant packet if humidity is a concern

Freezing dried lavender is possible for long-term preservation when sealed properly, though most home uses do not require it.

## **Checking Stored Lavender**

Periodically:

- Inspect for moisture or mold
- Gently refresh fragrance by rubbing buds lightly
- Discard lavender if odor or texture changes noticeably

## **Storing Lavender Wreaths & Bundles**

To reduce shedding and fading:

- Handle gently
- Keep out of humidity
- Avoid direct sunlight
- Store wrapped in tissue inside a box when not displayed

Some natural shedding is normal.

## How Long Dried Lavender Lasts

When stored properly:

- Fragrance remains strong for **6–12 months**
- Color may soften gradually
- Lavender remains useful well beyond a year

Lavender ages quietly and gracefully when cared for well.

## A Note From the Farm

Lavender reflects the care given to it long after harvest. Proper storage allows its presence to remain — subtle, familiar, and steady — throughout the seasons.

*This guide reflects traditional and educational practices.*