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## **Some Random Landscape Thoughts**

The soft sounds of gently-flowing water can immediately trigger feelings of peace and serenity. If your landscape is your own personal sanctuary and a place to get away from it all, adding a water feature to your outdoor living space may offer the ideal finishing touch.

### **Natural Settings**

A small garden pond with a bubbler/aerator on a pump will provide serene ripples and just a little bit of splash. A streambed running alongside your outdoor living space is another option if you want to feel surrounded by nature.

### **Formal Settings**

You may wish to consider more formal water features. Instead of an in-ground pond, a raised basin or bowl can be filled with water and given a little movement and splash with a bubbler or aerator.

If you're looking for your water source to also be a focal point, there are many decorative options from which to choose. There's the traditional bubbling vase, a millstone or other large piece of stone, or even a birdbath-style fountain. There are companies that offer graceful metal water features, and companies that use glass, concrete or stone as well.

There's a way to add water to your space that will suit any taste and most any budget; and it will add years of enjoyment to your outdoors.

Happy Landscaping!

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## Lavender 'Lavandula Angustifolia'

A rugged yet beautiful compact evergreen shrub with mounding, aromatic, gray foliage and an abundance of fragrant, rich lavender colored flowers. Commonly used for perfumes, sachets, and oils. Dried sprigs will deter insects when placed in a closet or room. Gorgeous in perennial borders, herb gardens, rock gardens, and mass plantings.



### Ingredients

- 1 cup honey
- 5 cups water
- 1/4 cup dried culinary lavender
- 6 lemons, peeled and juiced approx.
- Lavender sprigs for garnish
- Purple food coloring (optional)

### Directions

1. Pour 1/2 the water in a pan, bring to boil, then remove from heat.
2. Add honey and dried lavender, let steep for 20 minutes.
3. Strain mixture and pour into larger container.
4. Add lemon juice and the remaining water. Stir well. Refrigerate.



## How to Plant and Care for Lavender

Lavender should be planted in the spring. You can wait until summer or fall, but the earlier the better to ensure the plants are strong enough to survive the upcoming winter.

Ideally, you should allow about two to three feet between each plant, and don't plant in areas that receive a lot of moisture. This is a low-maintenance plant, so you only need to water about once or twice a week as the plants start to grow, and then slowly cut watering to every two to three weeks.

Begin harvesting when about half of the buds open. Cut the stems long for easy bundling, and then place the lavender bundles in a cool, dark place to dry.