



## Italian Plain Parsley

*Petroselinum crispum 'var. neapolitanum'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Flat-leaf Parsley

### Description:

An upright parsley producing large, flat, open medium green leaves; requires a well prepared fertilized soil and even moisture; if it flowers, the leaves are inedible; pinch blooms to promote foliage

### Edible Qualities

Italian Plain Parsley is a biennial herb that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The fragrant ferny compound green leaves are usually harvested from late spring to mid summer. The leaves have a bitter taste and a light fragrance.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning

### Features & Attributes

Italian Plain Parsley's attractive fragrant ferny compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous perennial herb with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Italian Plain Parsley is suitable for the following landscape applications;

- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting



*Italian Plain Parsley foliage*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



### **Planting & Growing**

Italian Plain Parsley will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies.

This plant is typically grown in a designated herb garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Italian Plain Parsley is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Sizes Available:

3.5" CONT \$3.99