

## 25 Gardening Must Haves for the Lavender Lover (*that aren't from Amazon!*)

[Atlas 370 Nitrile Garden Gloves](#)- Who needs those plain blue nitrile gloves when you can have an array of pastel colors or even black! We use these for all kinds of jobs but especially when harvesting and bundling and it's hard to see if you are grabbing a bee or not. I will sometimes use them when propagating as well.

[Cowhide Driver's Gloves No Strap](#)- For those jobs that you need a little extra protection for, like hacking back the blackberries or pruning the roses, because even though it is hard to believe, we do have other things in our gardens besides lavender.

[Women's Gardening Gauntlets](#): For when you have to pull the whole blackberry patch out! These gloves protect your whole forearms! Good for extra thorny roses as well.

[Neoprene Gloves](#)- For those times you have to spray fungicides. We hope this never happens, but in the event it does you need protective gloves!

[Barnet Pruners](#)- No gardner is complete without a good pair of pruners. Choose one of these colors and match them to your Atlas gloves!

[Barnet Heavy Duty Hedge Shears](#)- When we hand prune our lavender we do it with shears. It helps us get a nice domed "buzz cut" on the lavender.

[Lavender Harvest Sickle](#)- Every lavender lover needs an efficient way to harvest their lavender. This sickle will do the job. A good harvester can hand harvest a mature lavender bush in under a minute!



**Curved Blade Pruners-** These are handy when propagating as well to clip off just the right pieces. I prefer the curved blade over the straight.



**Hori Hori Ultimate Gardening Knife-** A Japanese digging knife that can open my hard cider? Sign me up! This one has a beautiful wood handle that is so pretty it's hard to get it dirty.

**French Wicker Flower Basket Scoop Shape-** I'm always on the lookout for good baskets. I'll snag them at second hand stores, garage sales, or estate sales. I can't resist a good basket. At the farm we use all shapes and kinds, but I find this french style super helpful when harvesting for bouquets or for wreaths. I love my baskets of a natural color

and this one is so beautiful! It's also unique and holds a lot of harvested lavender.

**Large Wicker Laundry Basket-** For larger harvest this basket holds a lot but is still manageable. Some wicker baskets can break the bank, but this one is reasonable. Bonus...no plastic. I wish all of our farm harvest baskets could be wicker.

**Earth Pots-** These are pre-filled plug trays with whatever combination of potting soil you ask for. These pots can then be planted directly into the ground after the cuttings have a good root system.

**Dramm 1 Touch Shut Off Valve-** Helpful for hand watering just about anything. It's heavy duty and will last longer than just one season.

**Women's Rootstock Gardening Overalls-** Every gardener needs a good pair of overalls and these from Duluth Trading Co. are so so good! They are 100% cotton and stretch as you move. Plus they breathe nicely in hot weather. Did I mention you can [add knee pads](#) to them and convert them to capris. Hello, Perfect!



**Men's Gardening Bib Overalls-** We can't forget the gents! These bad boys are lightweight and tough with tons of pockets. These overalls also have a pocket for [knee pads](#) and the knees are lined so they are water resistant.

**Weed Burner Torch-** For those who prefer a more natural way to get rid of weeds.

**M16-02DB Everyday Pocket Knife-** This is the perfect knife to carry around in your pocket all day for casual everyday needs. Bonus this knife is made by the Columbia River Knife & Tool Company. My husband bought this for me for Christmas and I love it!



**Arm Protector Sleeves-** I've just ordered myself a pair of these for summer. The older I get the less I want to expose my arms to the sun & I don't want to wear sunblock if I don't have too. I also don't want to wear long sleeves all summer long! These sleeves are a perfect solution. They also provide a layer of protection from bee stings when harvesting on the lavender farm. This "Save the Bees" pattern is just perfect for fields buzzing with bee friends!

**Farmer's Defense Straw Hat-** A gardener needs their sun protection so why not match my new sleeves. This hat (as well as the sleeves) comes in many different patterns, but I like the bees!

**Waxed Gardening Apron-** Perfect for potting up and propagating in our greenhouse. Plus it just makes me look legit!

**Stainless Garden Scissors-** These little beauties come in pretty handy around the propagation house. And the Waxed Gardening Apron has a special little loop just to hold these scissors, increasing my "authentic gardener" look.



**Stainless Garden Hand Scoop-** This beauty really helps scoop and mix our special propagation soil for new starts in the greenhouse. If you want this to stay pretty don't store it in the soil. Rinse it in a bucket of water and hang it to dry after use.



**Copper Plant Tags-** Any lavender collector needs a way to keep their varieties labeled. You could just paint the names on the nursery cloth like we do at Wayward Winds but...although it's a handy method...it isn't pretty. I prefer pretty and these copper tags are certainly that while also being utilitarian. Win/Win!

**Garden Scooter-** Useful in so many ways. Call me lazy but I love a good garden scooter or stool. This one is orange and easy to see around the farm. The seat adjusts to whatever height works best for you and it has a basket that can hold a standard 5 gallon bucket.

**Wheelbarrow Sifter-** Chances are you have other things in your garden besides lavender. This sifter is super handy for everything from root veggies to digging up bulbs and dividing plants in the garden. You can also use it to sift your compost. It's wood and not plastic, which I love!

**Heirloom Gardening Vest-** Yes, please! This vest has garden gnomes and bunnies on them. Lightweight, breathable, and full of pockets. This vest even offers UPF 50 sun protection.

***And because I can't stop at only the necessary things, I've added these 5...okay 6...items just for fun!***



**Straw French Market Bag-** Stylishly handy with many uses. I wish I had ten of these for my groceries. They also make some with backpack straps. Now that would be perfect for a picnic hike!

**Personalized Gnome Mug-** I don't actually own this mug, but if someone wanted to buy it for me I wouldn't be



opposed to it. I mean...a lavender girl gnome is a definite must have for this tea and lavender loving gal!

[Handmade Pottery Bee & Hive Mug](#)- I do this thing where I pick out a mug that reminds me of a friend and then I buy 2 and give one to my friend and I keep one. Every time I use this mug I pray for my friend. This gives me a really good excuse to buy new mugs that I can't resist like this one. I'd like to buy this one for my husband who is a beekeeper.



[Gnome Ball Cap](#)- I mean...do I need to say more?

[Wooden Seed Dibber](#)- While not strictly unnecessary...you could just use a skewer or pencil...this dibber is pretty and handy when propagating lavender. No one really knows what this thing is so it is not as inclined to walk off as my pencils are. Plus, if needed, you could use it as a murder weapon...I mean a self-defense tool. That could make for a good murder mystery though...Lavender Brown with the dibber in the garden. Mawwwwaaa.....(I may have been at this list a little too long.)

Okay....That's a wrap! I hope you have enjoyed this list of 25+ gardening must haves for the lavender lover that aren't from Amazon (and 5 bonus items).

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