



# Essential Oil Buying Guide

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## How to find the best company for you?

There is no single best supplier for everyone - some people prefer a small local company with a limited range of oil, others want to be sure their supplier will provide any oil anywhere in the world, and for some sustainability may be the biggest issue.

This checklist should help you find the company or companies that best suit your needs and values. Each category comes with several criteria, and the sheet comes with three blank columns for you to fill in with either information, score points, checkmarks... however you want to track your evaluation process.

### 1. General information about the company

Name			
Location			
Years in business			
Products			
EOs			
Hydrosols			
Fatty oils			
CO2 extracts			
Organic oils			
Other			
Price point			
Orange/Eucalyptus			
Lavender			
Palmarosa/Clary Sage			
Helichrysum			
Shipping costs			
No/Low			
Average			
High			
Ships to me?			
Bulk option?			

## 2. Customer service

Name			
Customer service			
Responsiveness			
Returns policy			
Samples			
Packaging			
Overall experience			

## 3. Oils

Name			
Sourcing			
Organic oils			
Fair-trade oils			
Own distillation			
Packaging			
Quality			
QC procedures			
GS/MS analyses available			
GS/MS analyses linked to batches			
Batch numbers			
Third party testing (if done)			
Your experience			
Freshness			
Smell quality			
Labeling			
Botanical name			
Source/Origin			
Use by/Sell by information			

4. Website and information

Name			
Website			
Up-to date			
Easy to navigate			
Comprehensive			
Safety			
Provide safety guidelines			
Info and education			

Space for your notes: