Herb Harvest Guide:

Herb (type) When to harvest - Part of plant used Anise (annual) Before blossoming - leaves, Fall - seeds Basil (annual) Summer - leaves before the plant flowers Bay Laurel (perennial) When mature - leaves Borage (annual) When mature - leaves, blossoming - flowers Caraway (biennial) Fall of second season - seeds Celery (annual) When mature - leaves Chamomile (annual and perennial types) blossoming - flowers Chervil (annual) When mature - leaves Chives (perennial) Throughout growing season - leaves, cut 1 1/2 to 2" from roots Cilantro (annual) Summer - leaves & stems, Fall - seeds (Coriander) Cumin When mature - seeds Dill (annual) Throughout growing season - leaves & stems, blossoming - flowers, Fall - seeds Fennel (perennial) Before blossoming - leaves When mature - seeds Ginger (perennial) When mature - roots Lavender (perennial) blossoming - flowers Lemon Balm (perennial) When mature - leaves Marjoram (annual) When mature - leaves Mint (perennial) Throughout growing season - leaves Mustard (perennial) When mature - seeds Oregano (annual) First blossoming - leaves, blossoming - flowers Rosemary (perennial) When mature - needle like leaves Parsley (biennial) When mature - leaves & stems Sage (perennial) Before blossoming - leaves Summer Savory (annual) When mature - leaves Tarragon (perennial) Before blossoming - leaves Thyme (perennial) When mature - leaves Winter Savory (perennial) Summer when in flower - leaves

I must include... the U.S. National Institutes of Health recommends that pregnant and nursing mothers should not consume certain types of herbs.