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LAVENDER LEMONADE

This all-natural beverage is refreshing on a hot summer day.

1 gallon water

3 cups sugar

2 fresh lavender sprigs (preferably from lavender Grosso or Provence), 3-4" each

2 cups fresh lemon juice (about 16 lemons)

Juice of 3 limes

Extra lavender sprigs and lime slices for garnish

In a large pot, bring water and sugar to a boil. Add lavender and stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Add lemon and lime juice. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Before serving, remove boiled lavender sprigs. Pour lemonade into a pitcher of ice. Float a few fresh lavender sprigs and lime slices for garnish.