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- 2) **TRUE**: Not only can you use fresh or dried sage, but you can also find a liquid extracts that can be used as essential oils like layender
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