



## Fennel Planting Guide

### About Fennel

Fennel is an excellent herbal additive to many culinary dishes, including salads, fish, and sauces. It has an anise-like scent and is perfect for any herb garden!

### When to Plant

Sow seeds in the Spring once soil has begun to warm, and the threat of frost has passed. Ideal soil temperatures will be between 50-70 degrees F.

### Where to Plant

Choose fertile, moist, and well-draining soil. Fennel does best in full sun conditions. Avoid planting in areas where you have planted dill or coriander, as these varieties can easily cross-pollinate with one another. Also, Fennel can inhibit the growth of tomatoes and beans, so they shouldn't be planted nearby to one another.

### How to Plant

Soak your Fennel seeds for a day or two before sowing to help ensure better germination. Direct sow seeds, as Fennel is not a good variety for transplanting. Plant seeds in rows about 10-12" apart, with space between rows at 13". Seeds will germinate in approximately 7-14 days. Once seedlings are about 6" tall, thin out to a spacing of 12-18".

### Caring for Fennel

Fennel can be harvested as needed and used fresh. Regular harvesting will encourage new growth as well.