

Mammoth Dill

Anethum graveolens 'Mammoth'

At a Glance

Height: 3 to 4 feet tall

Leaf Type: Large, feathery aromatic leaves

Bloom Time: Summer (yellow umbels)

Days to Maturity: 70-90 days for seed heads, 40 days for leaves

Best For: Culinary use, pickling, pollinator gardens

Growing Conditions Quick Reference

Soil Temperature: 60-70F for best germination

Soil Type: Well-drained, moderately rich soil

Light Requirements: Full sun

Planting Depth: 1/4 inch deep

Seeding Rate: Thin to 12-15 inches apart

Moisture Needs: Moderate; keep soil evenly moist

Average Germination Time: 10-14 days

How to Grow

When to Plant: Direct sow after frost; does not transplant well.

Location: Full sun with well-drained soil.

Spacing: Thin seedlings to 12-15 inches apart.

Watering: Keep soil evenly moist, especially during germination.

Fertilizer: Minimal; too much fertilizer reduces flavor.

Tips for Success

Succession plant every 2-3 weeks for a steady supply.

Allow some plants to flower for seeds and pollinators.

May need light staking as plants grow tall.

Attracts beneficial insects like ladybugs and lacewings.

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Fun Fact

Mammoth Dill is prized for its large seed heads, perfect for making dill pickles and flavorful spice blends.

Companion Planting

Pairs well with cabbage family plants and cucumbers. Avoid planting near carrots as they may cross-pollinate and affect flavor.

Harvesting and Use

Harvest fresh leaves anytime for cooking. Allow seed heads to mature and turn brown before cutting for dill seeds.

Quick Planting Checklist

- Direct sow after frost
- Thin seedlings to 12-15 inches apart
- Succession plant for continuous harvest
- Allow some plants to flower for seeds