Fernleaf Dill

Anethum graveolens 'Fernleaf'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This variety is frequently grown for both its ornamental attributes, and as a culinary herb; yellow and white lacecap flowers hover over very fine, lacy, aromatic foliage; a nice accent for the garden and great for containers

Edible Qualities

Fernleaf Dill is an annual herb that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are typically harvested when mature. The edible parts have a savory taste.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Pickling
- Seasoning

Planting & Growing

Fernleaf Dill will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year. However, this species tends to self-seed and may thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed.



Fernleaf Dill foliage
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Fernleaf Dill flowers
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This plant is typically grown in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Fernleaf Dill is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.