

## **Dill**

### **Sowing Outdoors:**

- For best results use sterile, disease free and weed free soil to start your seedlings.
- Sow outdoors in spring after danger of frost. In frost-free areas, sow from fall to early spring.
- Sow in average soil in full sun.
- Sow seeds thinly and cover with ¼ inch of fine soil. Seed needs light to germinate.
- Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
- Seedlings emerge 10-21 days.
- Thin to 12 inches apart when seedlings are 2,5 - 5 cm tall.

### **Growing Tips:**

- Keep weeds under control during the growing season. Weeds compete with plants for water, space and nutrients, so control them by either cultivating often or use a mulch to prevent their seeds from germinating.
- Mulches also help retain soil moisture and maintain even soil temperatures. For herbs, an organic mulch of aged bark or shredded leaves lends a natural look to the bed and will improve the soil as it breaks down in time. Always keep mulches off a plant's stems to prevent possible rot.
- Keep plants well-watered during the growing season, especially during dry spells.
- Plants need about 1 inch of rain per week during the growing season. It's best to water with a drip or trickle system that delivers water at low pressure at the soil level. If you water with overhead sprinklers, water early in the day so the foliage has time to dry off before evening, to minimize disease problems. Keep the soil moist but not saturated.
- Fertilize as needed with Plant Food suggested by your local garden centre.
- Remove flowers as they appear to help prolong leaf production for a short time.
- Pinch off spent flowers to help prevent prolific self-sowing.
- Monitor for pests and diseases. Check with your local Garden Centres for pest controls recommended for your area.