

PAPERPOT GROWERS NOTES • PAPERPOT TRANSPLANTER

Dill

Broadcast-seeded 2" chains, five rows to the bed, one bunching harvest per planting.

CHAIN POT

2"

IN-ROW

2"

ROWS / 30"

BED

5

TRAYS / BED

10

TOP PLATE

None
(broadcast)

SEEDS / CELL

Broadcast 2
tbsp per tray

Bed preparation

- Broadfork the bed to aerate and loosen the soil.
- Smooth and shape the bed with a bed prep rake, removing any debris.
- If the previous crop was fertilized, dill will do fine without reapplying. If not, either layer on 1" of compost (enough to mostly cover the native soil) or sprinkle on alfalfa meal and pelleted chicken manure.
- If you layer compost, don't tilth it in, so surface weed seed stays smothered. If you add amendments, tilth the top 1-2" to mix them in.
- Irrigate for 10 to 14 days* to germinate weed seed in the top layer of soil, then flame weed once the weed cotyledons are up.

Seeding

- Set a germination tray with 2" paper chain pots and fill with potting mix.
- Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of dill seed evenly over the whole tray so every cell gets seed. Add more where cells look light.
- Water and germinate at 70°F. Emergence takes 7-14 days.
- Move trays to greenhouse benches once germinated.

CROP DATA

Cultivars	Hera, Greensleeves
Seed / bed	132 g
Germination	7-14 days at 70°F
Days to transplant	30 days
Days to maturity	50 days
Harvest window	14 days
Days in field	34 days
Harvest unit	Bunch (6-8" tall)
Yield / bed	600 bunches

Transplanting

- Transplant when seedlings are about 1.25" tall.
- Water the trays thoroughly before heading to the field.
- Plant five rows of dill with the Paperpot Transplanter: 6" between rows, 3" from the outer rows to the bed edge.
- Bury the paper chains well so they don't dry out.
- New to the transplanter? See the [how-to guide and videos](#).

Irrigation

- Water the bed in thoroughly with overhead irrigation or four lines of drip.
- Frequent, shallow waterings help the roots establish after transplanting.

Cultivation

- 7-14 days after transplanting, cultivate with a flex tine weeder or collinear hoe. Repeat 7-10 days later.
- Dill grows slowly when young, so stay on top of weeds early. A wire weeder lets you work close to the plants.

Harvest

- Dill gives one harvest per planting. Aim for bunches 6-8" tall.
- Harvest dry if at all possible; wet dill rots in the cooler.
- Rubber-band bunches as you harvest.

Packing

- Avoid washing dill. If you must, spin it and dry it thoroughly.
- Stack fully dry bunches in totes and store at 35-40°F.

SUGGESTED TOOLS

Seeding	Paperpot germination trays, paper chain pots
Transplanting	Paperpot Transplanter
Aeration	Broadfork
Tilthing	Tilther, power harrow or precision depth roller
Bed shaping	Bed prep rake
Weed control	Flame weeder
Cultivation	Collinear hoe, wire weeder or flex tine weeder

*All timing varies with your climate, soil and season. Bed figures are for a 100' x 30" bed. Days in field = days to maturity + harvest window - days to transplant.

MORE PAPERPOT GUIDES

Transplanter how-to, Kwik Klik Slide instructions, skip spacing and tech sheets are free at paperpot.co. Paperpot tools and paper chain pots: shop.moderngrower.co