

# Growing fennel

Foeniculum vulgare

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**4–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

HEIGHT

**3–5 ft**

## AT A GLANCE

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Herb fennel is easy; bulbing fennel is finicky. Bulbing fennel requires short days and moderate temperatures to form a proper bulb -- plant it too late in spring or too early in fall, and it runs straight to seed. Herb fennel should be kept away from dill and other umbellifers to prevent cross-pollination and flavor contamination.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/vegetables/growing-fennel/>

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