

Dichondra

Plant type:	Tender perennial
Uses:	Baskets, containers and ground cover
Plant height:	5 - 8cm
Sowing:	Sow from mid-January onwards. 22-24°C. Cover seed with coarse Vermiculite. Keep soil moisture high until radicle emergence, then reduce moisture levels.

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting	5 weeks
Sowing to saleable plant	11 – 12 weeks
Ball 104 to saleable plant	5 – 6 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature	Grow on at 18 – 21°C day and 16 – 18°C night.
pH	5.5 – 6.5
Feeding	Feed plants weekly with 200 ppm N in a complete fertiliser for Dichondra Silver Falls. Dichondra Emerald Falls is sensitive to high salt levels, use a feed of 100 ppm N once a week and alternate with water after a feed.
Pot size	9 – 10.5cm pots
Plants per m ²	20 – 25 plants/m ²
Advice	Maintain even moisture, do not allow plants to wilt but keep on the dry side. Higher light levels resulting in more silvery colour foliage and shorter internodes. Pinching is not required.
Growth regulation	Daminozide one week after transplanting can be used to increase branching, control stem length and prevent plants from becoming tangled.
Common diseases and pests	No serious problems

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