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The Neversink Farm Zipper is designed to open a furrow for seeding or transplanting, then “zipping” the soil back in place by flipping the tool over. The Neversink Farm Zipper can be used for small succession plantings of larger-seeded crops, as well as for transplanting small seedlings. It is particularly useful for planting seedlings grown in Paper Chain Pots without the use of a Paperpot Transplanter or for planting the ends of rows in your hoophouse where space for operating your transplanter is limited.

**Materials Included**

- Head for Zipper
- Oiled ashwood handle
- Self-tapping #6 x ½" round-head woodscrew

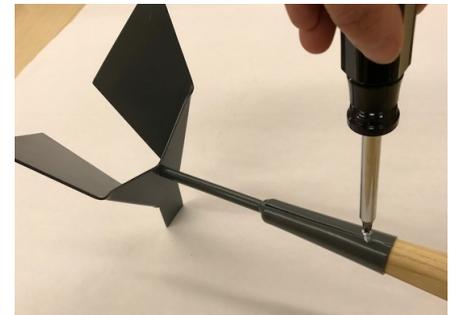
**Additional Materials Needed**

- #2 Phillips screwdriver

**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**



1. Gently insert the tapered end of the handle into the metal ferrule of the head as far as it will easily go by hand.
2. Push down on the head while slowly rotating handle, until the taper is fully seated in the ferrule (see left). Once seated, rotate until the Johnny's logo on the handle is on the opposite side of the pre-drilled screw hole on the ferrule.
3. Using a #2 Phillips screwdriver, secure the head onto the handle with the #6 x ½" wood screw provided (see right).



**NEVERSINK FARM ZIPPER OPERATION**

**For Direct-Seeding and Transplanting Plugs**



1. To create a furrow for large-seeded crops (e.g. peas, beans, corn, potatoes) or for small-celled seedling plugs, place the rectangular ended furrow-opener into the soil, with the fins facing upward and outward (see left). Pull the Zipper towards yourself.
2. Sow seeds or position your small-celled seedling plugs along the bottom of the newly made furrow.
3. Flip Zipper over so that the fins are face-down and inward and the furrow-opener is face-down and outward. “Zip” the soil back over the seeds or plugs with the same drawing motion used to create the furrow (see right).



## For Transplanting Paper Chain Pots

1. Create a furrow by placing the furrow-opener into the soil the same way you would for direct-seeding or standard plug-style transplants. Be sure to dig a furrow along the complete length of the row you will be transplanting to accommodate the string of Paper Chain Pots.
2. Remove the white paper strip from the end of the Paper Chain Pots and pull a small length of seedlings from the tray at the beginning of your furrow. Stake the first pot into the ground where you want your row to start, to keep it in place once the paper chain pots are under tension.
3. Carefully lay the Paper Chain Pot seedlings along the bottom of the newly dug furrow (see right).
4. Cut or tear the string of Paper Chain Pots so that the seedlings will line up with the end of the row.
5. Turn Zipper over so the furrow-opener is face-down and outward, and “zip” the soil back over the seedlings with the same drawing motion used to create the furrow (see right). The soil should be slightly mounded around the base of the seedlings, fully covering the Paper Chain Pots. Be careful not to bury the seedlings.



### TIPS FROM JOHNNY'S

The Neversink Farm Zipper can be especially helpful for finishing the rows where the Paperpot Transplanter is too long to reach, as within the close quarters of a high tunnel.

To finish off Paperpot beds:

1. Cut or tear enough chain to finish off the row.
2. Move the Paperpot Transplanter off to the side.
3. Dig remaining trench with the Zipper.
4. Lay your Paper Chain Pot seedlings in the trench to the end of the bed.
5. “Zip” the furrow up around your seedlings so that the soil is just up over the pots.

Watch our video to learn more about the Paperpot Transplanter System:

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/videos/video-v146.html>