

How to Grow Garlic

Timing: Plant cloves from September to the end of November.

Sowing: Separate the cloves. Plant the cloves with the pointed end up, the root end is flat. 10-15cm (4-6") apart and with the tip of the clove 2-5cm (1-2") deep. Leave the skin (paper) on the cloves. The largest cloves will make the largest bulbs.

Soil: Rich, well drained soil. Dig well, add compost to add nutrients if needed, do not compact.

Growing: Fertilize when spring growth starts. Water heavy once a week, rather than continuously moist soil. Early weed management is important. In early summer a scape (garlic flower) will start to grow, cut flower stalks off to allow the energy to continue growing the bulb.

Harvest: When the 4 bottom leaves turn brown we start to harvest our garlic! You can pull up a plant or two and see the formation, decide then if you are ready for harvest or would like to wait another week or so. Pull the garlic from the soil brush off dirt and allow to air-dry like onions for a few weeks.

Storage: Store in a dark, room temperature, dry environment. Excessive cold, moisture or heat may provoke sprouting.