

HOW TO PLANT, HARVEST, AND STORE GARLIC

Planting: Before planting, make sure that each clove of garlic is separated. You need a sunny, well-drained location.

Plant your garlic the same as you would cooking onions. Plant garlic with the roots down and keep the papery husks on. Plant garlic about 3 inches apart, just covering the surface of the garlic with soil. Your garlic will grow into another clove containing a number of sets.

Harvesting: Your garlic will reach maturity after 3-4 weeks. Dig the garlic the same as you would regular onion sets.

Storing: The shelf life of garlic is long if it is kept in a cool, dry place. Be sure that your storage area is dry.

Fall planting: Fall is also recommended for planting. Plant garlic before the ground frosts and freezes. The bulbs are usually bigger and more flavorful when planted in the fall.

After planting, mulch with 5-8 inches of straw to protect the garlic during the winter.



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