

GARLIC – PLANTING & HARVESTING TIPS

Planting garlic in the autumn time can save roughly a month in growing time, compared with planting in the spring time.

Split the garlic bulbs into individual cloves and plant 6" apart, tapered end upwards and covered with about 1" of soil. Garlic likes a rich, well-drained soil and a sunny site. Be sure to keep weed-free, as garlic is shallow-rooted.

The planted cloves will start shooting almost immediately – they are hardy and will withstand severe winters. In a dry spring keep well-watered (can add a high nitrogen feed then). Remove any flower spikes to re-direct goodness into the bulb. Lift the bulbs in summer when the leaves have turned yellow (but not completely died off) then dry thoroughly and store in a cool, dry place. Can be eaten immediately.