

HARLEQUIN'S GARDENS
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**Organically Grown
GARLIC**

INSTRUCTIONS

Plant garlic in mid-October (earlier at higher elevations). Select the largest cloves from the largest bulbs. Don't separate the cloves until you are ready to plant.

Plant in good, enriched soil in full sun. Separate cloves, plant each clove 2 to 2 ½ " deep and 5 to 7" apart, with the pointy end up. Water well. Mulch with 2 to 4" of straw or dry grass clippings that are free of pesticides and herbicides.

Fertilize green shoots 2 to 3 times in March to May with fish emulsion or other high-nitrogen organic fertilizer. Water well in spring and early summer, but keep dryer a week or two before harvest. Keep weed-free in May and June. Clip off the central seed-stalks when they make a loop, or shortly thereafter.

Count the total number of leaves on the plant and dig carefully with a garden fork when half of the leaves are brown, usually sometime around June 25 – July 10. Shade immediately. Hang or spread out in a single layer on shelves in a cool, airy, shaded place for 3 weeks to 'cure'.

Storing: Store at room temperature or cooler, out of direct sunlight, with good air circulation. Cool basements work well, too. Softneck varieties generally keep longer than hardnecks.