

PLANT PROFILE

Garlic



Latin Name: Allium Sativum

Soil type: Light free draining soil, prepare by adding well-rotted manure, or general-purpose fertiliser. In clay soil start off in modules and plant out in spring

Soil Ph: Neutral, Alkaline, or acid soil

Aspect: Full sun

Hardiness: Garlic should be planted late autumn/early winter although some varieties can be planted in the spring

Propagation: Usually grown by planting individual cloves so the tips are 2.5cm below the soil, 15cm apart, in rows 30cm apart

Maintaining: Hand weed if possible, water during dry periods

Harvesting: Lift bulbs carefully with a fork late summer to early autumn when the foliage starts to turn yellow, green leaves can be gathered green and used in salads or as a garnish

Storage: Lay bulbs in an airy space to dry. Store in a dry space approx. 5-10

Other characteristics: Cold tolerant

Pests: Birds can lift sets so cover with fleece

Disease: Onion white rot, Leek rust

Uses: Edible, can be braided after drying and hung