

Garlic

(lilac family)



Seed Starting/Propagation:

Plant an organic garlic clove in early fall or early spring (last week in March) in an open, sunny area, will also tolerate part shade. Plant 4" apart and 2" deep. Cover with soil then 3" of mulch.

Care:

Keep the soil well drained, with moderate watering weekly.

Companions:

Tomatoes, chamomile, costmary, winter savory, hyssop. Do not plant with peas or beans.

Harvesting:

Harvest the scapes (flowering stalks) to increase bulb size. Use them to make garlic oil or just add to food for a mild garlic taste. Green stalks can be used fresh in cooking. Harvest bulbs in the summer when the stalks have five leaves or have yellowed. Lift out of the soil with a digging fork, shake off gently be careful not to bruise or wash.

Preserving:

Dry on screens or tie together and hang. Once dry, rub off excess soil and store in a cool location but protect from moisture and freezing.