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Garlic Growing Tips

Bed Preparation

- Area for planting should be tilled - soil should be loose
- Incorporate fertilizers (IE manure or other) for nutrition
- Mark out rows for cloves, allowing 6" between each clove
- Timing: early September

Garlic Seed

- Purchase garlic bulbs locally for best results
- Crack bulbs into individual cloves (this is your seed)
- Timing: plant within 48 hours of cracking
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Planting

- Push garlic 2-4" into soil and cover - pointed end up!
- Mark area planted with flags or stakes
- Timing: between mid September and mid October

Mulching

- Cover rows with 4" of mulch (IE straw, leaves or grass clippings)
- Timing: After planting garlic cloves, before ground freeze)

Tending

- Garlic emerges early in spring
- Keep weed free - weed early and often
- Water regularly - to grow big bulbs garlic needs 1" of water each week in the growing season.
- Timing: April to July

Harvest

- Stop watering 1-2 weeks before harvest.
- Use a shovel or pitchfork to loosen garlic from soil
- Remove bulbs and leave soil in field
- Bunch garlic plants into 20 per bundle
- Hang to cure in shady, well ventilated spot (fans work great)
- Timing: When plants have turned brown (about half leaves), usually end of July to early August

Rotation

- Never grow garlic in the same spot year after year
- Timing: 4 year rotation