



# How to Grow Garlic



**A Special Thank You:** These suggestions come from a local couple, Pat & Jim, who are famous in the Rim Country for their award winning garlic. We greatly appreciate their sharing their tips with us. Rim Country is an excellent climate for growing garlic so follow these tips, & bon appetite!



- ▶ For best results, plant around the end of September by breaking the individual cloves off the bulb. Prepare your soil by digging it and loosening it. Depending on your soil, you may need to add organic material such as mulch or compost.
- ▶ Plant each clove 1 to 1½ inches deep & 4 to 6 inches apart with the root end down. Elephant garlic is planted 6 to 8 inches apart & 4 to 6 inches deep.
- ▶ Add a small amount of fertilizer in each hole & cover. Arizona's Best All Purpose Fertilizer with a 10-10-10 formula is what Pat & Jim recommend.
- ▶ Water with a hose slowly so the water soaks down deep into the soil.



- ▶ When the long leaves start to dry out, usually around the middle of June, stop watering. Harvest your garlic 2 weeks later. Dig the bulbs up carefully—a digging fork works very well for this.
- ▶ Cut the long stems off & put the bulbs side by side in an area to dry out in a cool, shaded, & well ventilated location for seven to ten days.
- ▶ Clean the bulb off by hand & cut the long root string off the bottom. Store in a bin or some type of crate where it is cool & out of the sunlight.



## Cool Tips:

Watering is very important to raising garlic so be sure to water every seven to ten days. Cut off any flowering stems at the top leaf so the energy will go into growing the bulb, not the flower.

