

How to grow garlic.

To grow garlic we plant individual cloves of garlic, usually in the autumn (you can't sow seeds to grow garlic).

Garlic is easy to grow and doesn't need much taking care of, except from watering, regular weeding and cutting of flower stems that start to form.



Watering.

During spring and early summer watering during dry weather can improve the bulb size. If the bulbs are large and formed you shouldn't water them as this can encourage rotting. You should look out for yellow foliage this shows the bulbs are reaching this stage of maturity.

Overhead watering can increase the chance of fungal diseases so watering from the base of the plant is best.

Weeding.

Garlic needs to be planted in full sun, regularly weeding ensures the garlic won't get shaded. You can weed with a hoe however this can damage developing bulbs, so weeding by hand is the best option. If you use a weed-suppressing membrane you won't need to weed as often.

How to plant garlic.

Before you plant, remove any weeds and add some well-rotted manure to improve the soil. Carefully break the bulbs into individual cloves, make sure when planting them that the pointed end is upwards. Space the cloves 15cm apart with the pointed end upwards, space the rows 30cm apart.

Covering the bulbs with a fleece until they are well rooted in will prevent birds and other animals from pulling them up.