

SEASONED ADVICE

GARLIC

Tips for Planting Garlic:

Garlic prefers fertile, well-drained soil with a pH of between 6.0 and 7.0

Before You Plant:

Use compost and a phosphorous-based organic fertilizer to amend your soil.

Planting:

Split garlic heads into cloves for planting no more than 48 hours in advance of planting.

Plant cloves 4-6" apart at 1-2" depth with the pointed end up, and the blunt side down.

For green garlic, you can plant cloves 2-3" apart.

Cover planted garlic with 4-6" of mulch (straw, chopped leaves, grass clippings) through winter.

Watering:

Water after planting then let sit; when leaves begin to grow in spring, water regularly throughout growing season. When they stop producing leaves and start forming bulbs, stop watering.

Fertilizing During Growing Season:

A nitrogen-based fertilizer should be applied once leaves start to form.