



GROWING HARDNECK GARLIC

Growing Hardneck garlic is a simple process with very little effort for such a big reward. 20 Cloves will plant a 10-foot row or a 3 ft. x 3 ft. square properly spaced. Garlic is typically planted in fall and harvested the next year when the tops start dying back. (Plant separated cloves within a couple weeks of receiving them, if at all possible, to reduce drying out so viability stays intact)

1. Find an area that is well drained and has good sunlight. Garlic likes a soil PH of 6-7, so not too sweet and not too acid. Add Lime or sulfur accordingly.
*(note see below)
2. Work the soil and add a small amount of fertilizer such as a 10-10-10 product. Do not over fertilize (6 oz. for a 10ft row or 3 ft. square area). Water the area well if dry. Rake and smooth. Well-aged manure or compost may be substituted if worked in well.
3. Come back in a few days, rake any weeds that have come up and you are ready to plant.
4. Garlic needs spaced 6 inches apart in all directions. Build a slight ridge where the garlic cloves will be planted and then push the clove in the soil 1 inch. Cover and firm the soil.
5. Apply a mulch of chopped leaves, chopped straw or grass clippings to the area where the garlic has been planted (4-6 inches deep). Water if needed.
THAT IS IT.
6. In early spring apply one more light helping of fertilizer.
7. Harvest Garlic when the tops are turning brown and about ½ died back.

NOTE: *Always consult your local County Extension Service on local planting times, questions on local soil treatments and preferred local mulches.