

How to grow Shallots

Like Garlic, Shallots are traditionally planted on the shortest day and harvested on the longest. Shallots though are quite versatile and can be planted from any time from May to August, right up to spring. Shallots give a sweetness to dishes that ask for onions and are just as easy to grow as their larger relatives.




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Preparation

- If planting into the ground, add plenty of [Intelligro Organic Compost](#) or [Intelligro Sheep Pellets](#) to add organic matter to the soil. The better the condition of the soil the better the results you can expect.
- For a raised bed, [Intelligro's Veggie Garden Mix](#) is the perfect mix for providing all the nutrients your Shallots will need.
- If planting into a pot or a container then use [Intelligro's Patio Plus Potting Mix](#) to plant into, it is specifically designed for this purpose.

Planting your Shallots

- Press your bulb into the soil or mix, leaving half the bulb above the surface.
- Make sure that the base of the bulb is facing down, with the tapered end of the bulb at the top above the soil.
- They should be set firmly in place leaving around 15-20cm space around each bulb. Shallots form clusters of bulbs around the original bulb and need plenty of room around them.
- Shallots don't like competition so keeping them weed free

Helpful Hint:

- **Look for a sunny free draining spot in the garden to plant your shallots.**



Watering and feeding

- For Shallots in garden soil, feed once a month during periods of growth using **Intelligro's Veggie Garden Fertilizer**.
- If planted into a **Veggie Garden Mix** then it will have all the slow release nutrients you will need for the growing of your Shallots. Closer to harvest a fortnightly feed of **Bio-Marinus** will give them an extra boost for bulb set.
- Shallots need to be consistently well watered, especially in November and December to set the bulbs.

Harvesting your Shallots

- Once the leaves have gone brown and died off you can harvest your Shallots.
- Loosen the soil around your bulb and pull the bulbs up by their leaves.
- When storing leave the foliage on and store in a cool, dry and well ventilated place for two to three weeks for them to dry out.
- Trim back the foliage to the top of the Bulb and store in a mesh bag (or similar). Keep them in a cool and dry area of the house or garage.

Helpful Hint:

- **If any flower stalks appear, remove them so that the Shallots energy is put into bulb production**

