

## Growing Garlic

Garlic grows best in a sunny site in light, well-drained soil.

Plant garlic outside as soon as you can after you receive it. Traditionally, it's planted on the shortest day of the year to be harvested on the longest, and if you stick to somewhere near those dates, you'll be fine.

Split the bulb into cloves and plant these individually, each clove upright, with the flat base down and pushed into the soil to twice their own depth, spaced at intervals of 15cm (6in) and 30cm (12in) for 'Elephant'.

They need very little after care. Just nip off the flower bud if one appears and keep the area weed-free until the foliage turns yellow.

As soon as the leaves start to fade and dry, the plants need to be lifted. They can be bunched or plaited together and stored in a cool, dry, frost-free area for several months until required.