

## Grow your own... Garlic

Garlic is easy to grow and one of the few vegetables that you can plant through winter.

Garlic is a staple of Indian, Chinese and Italian cooking.

- Easy to grow
- ✓ Contains Fibre
- ✓ Contains Protein

- ✓ Grow from Nov to Feb
- ✓ Grow in your garden
- √ Harvest in 20 weeks





From your growing pack, you will need:

- √ Free draining soil
- ✓ Container or tub



- 1. Prepare your soil. Clear it of any weeds and dig in some sand or grit if it is a bit claggy. If you are using compost in a pot, mix 50:50 with topsoil and a handful of grit or sand. It needs to be free draining or your bulbs will rot.
- 2. Break the bulbs into individual cloves.
- 3. Plant the cloves 15cm apart in a grid pattern. Push into the ground about 3cm deep.



- 1. Remove any weeds by hand, being careful not to damage the growing bulbs.
- 2. Water in dry weather.
- 3. Break off any flower stems that start to grow.



- 1. When the leaves start to yellow, dig up the bulbs carefully with a trowel.
- 2. Bulbs can be used fresh or dried in a shed or outside in the sun.

**Top tip:** Lemon juice or chopped parsley is said to get rid of the 'garlic breath' smell.

