



A staple in cuisines worldwide, garlic is an easy-to-grow crop that takes up little space in the garden and yields big flavor rewards. Why buy supermarket garlic (much of which is grown far away, usually in China) when you can enjoy homegrown?

Plant garlic in fall about four to six weeks before the ground freezes. Prepare the soil by loosening it to a depth of at least 8" and mix in some slow-release, granular organic fertilizer.



Dig a 3" to 4" deep trench along the length of the bed.



Plant individual cloves pointy end up, and then fill in the trench to cover the cloves.



Water gently to settle the soil, and then cover the bed with a 4" to 6" layer of straw.

Even as air temperatures drop in autumn, the soil will stay warm enough for the cloves to establish roots before the ground freezes. Don't be concerned if you see some green shoots growing in fall; it won't harm the plants. They'll begin growing in earnest in spring.

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