

# Canadian Grown Gourmet Garlic



- A. Russian Red
- B. German White
- C. Duganski
- D. Music
- E. Mexican Purple

## Planting Instructions

**When:** Growing gourmet garlic is easy. Garlic is best planted in the fall, as it will start to grow in early spring for harvesting in the summer. Plant garlic in late September through October, while the soil is still workable in your area and before winter freeze sets in.

**Where:** Choose a full to part sun location with well-draining soil that is rich in organic matter. Amend the soil with well composted manure if needed and loosen the soil to spade depth.

**How:** Just before planting break apart whole bulb into individual cloves. Plant garlic in single or double rows, spacing the rows 20 cm (8") apart. Dig holes 6" apart and 8 cm (3") deep. Place each clove in a hole with the pointed tip up. Cover the holes with soil, and water. A 2-4" inch thick layer of mulch can be beneficial in very cold areas.

In mid - late spring after the shoots emerge above the soil, maintain even soil moisture by watering at least once a week during dry spells. When a garlic scape or curly pig tail shaped stem with an edible flower appears, cut it off. Garlic scapes are edible and can be enjoyed in culinary dishes.

Stop watering 2-3 weeks after removing garlic scapes.

**Harvest:** When the lower leaves of the plant have withered they are ready for harvest. Harvest your garlic by gently clearing away the soil from around the base of the stems and using a garden fork or trowel lift under the bulbs. Brush off the dirt, but keep the stems or roots intact. Choose a warm, well-ventilated area that is protected from sun to hang or dry your bulbs, allow about 2 weeks for the drying process. After 2 weeks remove the outer wrappers, trim the roots and stalk. You can store the clean bulbs in well ventilated mesh bags or trays at 15-18° C (60-65° F) for 6-8 months or longer.

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Store in a cool, dry frost-free place until planting! All cloves must be planted FALL to harvest in summer.