

# GET GROWING ONIONS AND GARLIC



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Onion sets and garlic cloves can be planted directly into the ground or into pots.

- 1** With a fork or trowel, loosen the soil into small pieces where you are going to plant the onions or garlic. Doing this helps water to drain away over winter
- 2** Before planting, if the soil is 'heavy' mix horticultural grit or well-rotted compost into it, to improve drainage. Onions and garlic like sandy types of soil
- 3** Plant the onion sets with roots downward, 10cm apart, in rows spaced 25cm apart. The tips should be just above the soil surface
- 4** Separate the garlic bulb into individual cloves. Plant the cloves with the flat end downward, 15cm apart, in rows spaced 30cm apart. The tips should be just below the soil surface
- 5** Autumn planted onions and garlic should be ready in late spring/early summer
- 6** Only water if the soil is very dry, and keep the ground weed-free by removing any weeds by hand

