

*Wisdom From The Garlic Mavens***No. Tip**

- 1 Make sure the cloves are hard and solid. Plant the individual cloves September or early October.
- 2 Garlic likes sun and water.
- 3 If possible plant in a raised bed of about 4 inches to give the bulb uncompacted soil, and to be above standing water should there be excessive rain.
- 4 The cloves should be planted root plate end down, 2 inches deep in well-drained soil, with high organic matter.
- 5 Spacing of 5 inches on at least one-foot rows allows adequate sunshine.
- 6 Plant in lea of windbreaks or mulch. This lessens winterkill by inhibiting prevailing freezing winds.
- 7 One inch of water a week until the scape or flower is harvested, and then no water would be the best scenario. (however, garlic is hearty)
- 8 Harvest the scape or flower 10-14 days after it appears and use it to cook, cook, cook!
- 9 Harvest bulb when plants leaves have died back by 35%. (approx. 3 weeks after scape removal) Bulbs will open if left too long. Dig from ground, hang and cure for at least one-week prior to use.

