Garlic the great all-rounder

Lots or compost or well-aged manure prior to planting.

Plant garlic using individual cloves about 2.5cm apart and 4cm deep into well-worked soil. Give the plants some fertiliser, 2 to 3 weeks after planting.

Garlic is sensitive to moisture stress, so water at the end of Spring (4 weeks prior to planting) and then according to flowering time. Water in the cool comfort of the morning, not the hot afternoon.

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Garlic will grow in a wide range of soils, providing content soils due to their increased moisture and nutrient holding capacity. Dig in surface into raised garden beds and space 40cm between rows.

The much underrated garlic is good value for many uses. Recipes available for its use. For example:

- Use as a pest deterrent or providing interest.
- As pest control there are many uses, including as a pesticide for Asparagus, Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Cucumbers, Grapes, Melons, Peppers, Tomatoes and Zucchini. It is used to control Thrips, Whiteflies, Aphids, White Grubs and Caterpillars.

Garlic is a food that can be used to protect, to protect crops and to protect against evil spirits. It was also used widely in charms and incantations. Store then in a dry, cool, airy spot when not in use. Dilute further when ready to use.

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