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Attempting to "Go Green" One Task at a Time.

Project started: **Growing Garlic**  
Sept 2009

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Project end:  
July 2010

## Reasons:

- I love garlic.
- I've never tried growing it before.
- My garden was bare this Autumn after tearing out all the plants and it gave me satisfaction knowing that I could plant something.

**Planting** - In Minnesota we plant garlic in the fall with our tulips, so don't plan on planting garlic in the spring. Try to plant as close to the first day of fall as possible.

1. Choose a spot in your garden for your garlic - I put mine by the strawberry patch so I could cover them both with straw over the winter.
2. Dig up your plot to a depth of 8 inches
3. To plant, separate the bulbs into cloves, being careful not to bruise or damage them
4. Plant the cloves, root side down 4" deep and 4-8" apart (When I plant I always plant the closest distance recommended to cut down on weeds)
5. Cover with 12 inches of marsh hay or straw mulch to protect the garlic from sub-zero temperature

## Growing

- In the spring pull the straw to the side in mid-march when the snow melts and the days begin to warm
- Fertilize in the early spring: Garlic like nitrogen and in the spring I am supposed to fertilize them. I do not like using fertilizer instead, I work compost (from my COMPOST BIN) into the soil in the fall. And this spring I will be looking for some manure.
- Garlic came up nicely this spring. We cut off the scapes mid June and tried to eat them but they were tough and potent.
- Harvested mid-July, hung it to dry in a dark spot in the basement and it has been delicious!



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4