

Where to Buy Garlic Now

As I mentioned, last weekend I looked for garlic for sale at farmers markets in Kensington, Rockville, Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park. I found very limited availability except at Takoma Park (Sundays 10-2, 6909 Laurel Ave.). [Waterpenny Farm](#) and [Calvert's Gift Farm](#) had a good supply of high quality organic (probably porcelain) garlic for sale. Their stands are adjacent to each other on Laurel near Carroll Avenue.

Below is a summary of growing tips from my Powerpoint presentation:

October to November

- Buy porcelain or rocambole garlic bulbs from a local farmers market. Both kinds grow well in this area.
- Break apart bulbs into separate cloves
- Optional: Dip cloves in 1 part bleach/9 parts water immediately before planting.
- Plant each clove 2 inches deep and 8" apart in all directions in a VERY SUNNY spot.
- Optional: Fertilize your bed with alfalfa or soybean meal (1.5 oz per 4'x8' bed)

- Highly recommended: Mulch your garlic bed with 4-8 inches of straw, chopped leaves/grass clippings

March to May

- Optional: Fertilize with fish emulsion every 2 weeks
- Cut off the scapes while still tender (and can be snapped off with your fingers)
- Keep that garlic bed free of weeds!

Late June – mid July

- Keep weeding until harvest
- When a few of the leaves are yellow, dig up your bulbs carefully
- Dry in breezy space sheltered from rain and direct sun

Recommended Websites

Garlic Seed Foundation:

www.garlicseedfoundation.info

Cornell Cooperative Extension Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program (garlic page):

<https://enych.cce.cornell.edu/crop.php?id=14>

Review of Netflix *Rotten* episode on garlic:

<https://www.eatlikenoone.com/netflix-rotten-how-to-find-good-garlic.htm>

Garlic Papers: A Small Garlic Farm in the Age of Global Vampires, Stanley Crawford, 2019:

<https://www.stanleycrawford.net/stanley-crawford--the-books.html>

Annual Hudson Valley Garlic Festival (Sept. 26-27, 2020, Saugerties, NY):

www.hvgf.org

Recipe for Garlic Confit (better and easier than roasting garlic!):

<https://www.cooksillustrated.com/articles/1783-why-you-should-make-garlic-confit>

Recipe for Garlic Scape Pesto:

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/delicious-and-easy-garlic-scape-pesto-848204>

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