

BUCHANAN'S

NATIVE PLANTS

Garlic & Shallots

Bulbs and Heads

Each shallot bulb and garlic clove will grow into an entire plant. Buy only healthy, firm bulbs and heads.

Each head of garlic is made up of cloves. Break up the heads into individual cloves, reserving the largest ones for planting. If shallot clusters are comprised of multiple bulbs, separate them, reserving the largest ones for planting.

Plant the Garlic and Shallots

Garlic and shallots prefer fertile soil that is loose and well-drained. Both can be planted in the fall for summer harvest. Place each shallot bulb root-side down in a hole so that the top is level with the soil surface. Space the bulbs 5" apart. Place each garlic clove root-side down in a hole so that the top is 2" below the soil surface. Space the cloves 4" to 6" apart. Water all plants well.

Cultivate the Plants

Garlic benefits from a thick layer of mulch after planting. The plants will emerge through the mulch in early spring. Shallots should not be mulched as the tender shoots have difficulty emerging through the mulch. When the plants emerge in spring, feed them with an organic granular fertilizer such as Micro-life for Vegetables and Flowers. Mulch the shallot plants when they reach about 5". Water the garlic and shallots regularly so they have consistent moisture.