



Caring For Horseradish



Choosing a Site:

Horseradish is a vigorous, spreading plant. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it is best to grow horseradish in a large, well-drained container. Horseradish grows best in moist soils in cool regions. Plant horseradish in a sunny, out-of-the-way place in your garden.

Planting:

Bare-root plants should be planted as soon as possible. Dig a hole that is as wide and as deep as your shovel. Loosen the soil in the bottom of the hole. Place the root in the hole so the top of the root is just below the soil surface. Fill the hole with soil that has been amended with compost.

For container grown plants dig a hole twice as wide and deep as the root system of the plant. Add some soil back to the hole. The hole should be the same depth as the root system. Place the plant in the hole and place the remaining soil around the root system. The base of the leaves should be at ground level. Water the plant thoroughly.

After Planting Care:

Keep the soil evenly moist. In the spring apply a well-balanced, slow-release fertilizer.

Harvest:

For the best flavor, harvest horseradish in the fall after the tops of the plant have been exposed to a frost. To prepare roots for eating, wash and peel and then grate the roots. Mix grated roots with vinegar or cream.