



GROWING YOUR SHALLOTS



Common Name: **SHALLOTS**

Botanical Name: *Allium sativum* **Family Name:** Alliaceae

Plant Type: Bulb **Size:** 25cm

Planting Time: Winter **Flowering:** Summer

Planting Width: 20cm **Positioning:** Full Sun

General Information: Bulbs will keep for up to a year once they have been dug.

Soil: A rich loam soil is required for a good crop.

Watering: Normal watering is required during dry periods.

Fertilising: Enrich soil with low nitrogen fertilisers and lime a few months before planting time. **Pruning:** Harvest the bulbs in Autumn, when the tops begin to fall over. Dry after digging and then clean and separate the bulbs. Store in a cool dry place or hang in an open weave bag. Save some good sized bulbs for planting in winter again.

Tips: Do not plant the bulbs too deeply; push them into the soil so the tops are still visible. It is important that the bulbs are lifted when the tops begin to fall over or they may begin a second growth and will cause the bulb size to decrease.