



📖 Growing Onions: Checklist for a Successful Harvest

Variety Selection

- ☐ Choose the correct day-length onion variety for your region (long, medium, or short day)
- ☐ Check your seed packet or sprig bundle for a zone suitability map

Planting Method

- ☐ Decide whether to plant sets, transplants, or seeds
- ☐ Plant sets/sprigs in January–February (Dallas area), $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep, 3 inches apart
- ☐ Sow seeds in October (South), or start indoors before last frost (North); plant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep
- ☐ Thin seedlings to 3 inches apart when 6 inches tall

Soil & Fertilizer

- ☐ Prepare soil with 2–3lbs balanced fertilizer per 100sqft bed pre-planting
- ☐ Side-dress with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fertilizer per 10ft row when onions have 5–6 leaves
- ☐ Use slow-release organic options for best soil health

Watering

- ☐ Water onions deeply—1 inch per week, 2 inches in hot weather
- ☐ Use drip irrigation for best results
- ☐ Stop watering one week before harvest

Weed & Pest Control

- ☐ Pull weeds regularly to reduce competition for water
- ☐ Monitor for thrips or brown leaf tips; treat if needed with approved solutions (e.g., neem oil, sulfur)

Harvest & Cure

- ☐ Harvest when most tops naturally fall over

- [] Cure onions in a warm, dry, well-ventilated space for 1–2 weeks
- [] Store cured onions in mesh bags or crates

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