



In the Garden: Growing Onions

Selecciona la opción correcta



Onions come in different _____, shapes, colors and flavors, from mild and sweet to hot and strong. A full-grown onion plant has roots, bulbs and leaves. The leaves are long, thin and _____. They stand straight up and thicken at the bottom to form a bulb. _____ are biennials; their life cycle is two years long. But they are usually picked during their first year before flowers form and the bulbs stop _____. Onions grow best in loose, fertile soil _____.

They can grow in many different _____. In cooler climates, onions may need fourteen to fifteen hours of daylight to start forming bulbs. In warmer climates, onions can _____ developing bulbs with fewer hours of daily sun. Barbara Fick is an extension _____ at Oregon State University, in the northwestern United States. She says a _____ way to grow onions is to plant what are called sets. BARBARA FICK: "Onion sets are actually _____ small plants, versus starting with a _____. So when you have a set, onion set, it actually is, you know, the small bulb. Organic material like compost or leaf mulch can help onions grow in heavy soil. The bulbs can be pulled from the ground once their tops have _____ and fallen over. Onions can be stored for months. But Barbara Fick says stored onions need to be cured first.