

HORSERADISH CULTURE

One can receive a bounty of harvest from a single root of this robust perennial plant. Use this spicy root as a sauce or grate it into dips, spreads, marinades, and more. Here's what you need to know.

Planting:

- pH should range between 6.2 and 6.7
- Horseradish prefers a sunny location, but I find it tolerates some shade.
- Plant in a well prepared, weed-free area.
- Give it space. Horseradish is hardy and vigorous; it spreads quickly!
- No need to fertilize at planting. The truth is I never fertilize so as to keep it in check ☺, but you certainly can the following spring after planting.
- Plant our root piece at a 45-degree angle with the larger flat end up and the smaller slanted end down. The flat end should be 1-2" below soil surface. Cover and press firmly in.
- Keep moist during establishment, but do not overwater.

Harvesting:

- Do not harvest during 1st year.
- In subsequent years, dig or loosen soil around plant, and pull out roots.
- For best flavor, wait until leaves have died back after a few good frosts.
- You will need to divide plants every couple of years and share with friends- that is unless you REALLY love horseradish!