



# Ginger

To grow ginger well it needs lots of water and nutrients. Prepare the soil by adding compost. Add a small amount of sand to ensure good drainage. Water regularly in summer to keep moist. This perennial will die down in autumn. Remove the dead leaves. In spring lift the root clumps and break them up into smaller pieces to replant.

You can harvest the ginger root after the plant dies down in winter, digging around the plant to cut off a piece of the older root. The young root with shoots is the actively growing plant and should be left to re-sprout. It is best to wait until the second growing season.

Ginger root can be sliced, julienned, finely chopped or grated for use in soups, salads and main dishes, baking and drinks. It can be frozen for later use.

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