



GROWING GARDEN FRESH TOMATOES

One of the joys of the summer garden is the harvest of garden tomatoes. You've planted them in the spring, cared for them, and when ready...the fresh taste of your own vine-ripened tomato is a treat for the family table.

Tomato Growing Made Simple

Choose a location that gets at least 6 hours of direct sunlight...full sun.

Tomatoes can be planted in the ground or in a container once the danger of frost has passed in your area.

Unique to the tomato, plants purchased as young starts may be planted deeper than how they were growing in the starter pot. When you bury part of the stem below the ground, this makes for a stronger growing plant.

Keep tomato plants moist,

especially during times of blooming and the setting of fruit.

Container Method - Containers should be large enough to support the plant and cage (if needed). We recommend a container no smaller than 16" diameter. Use Earl May Container Mix and feed regularly with tomato food.

In-Ground Method - A good garden tomato planted in the soil is a summer tradition in the Midwest.

Each spring check your soil. Good garden soil should be loose and crumble, and also be well-drained. If soil is heavy and clumps together, amend the soil by mixing Earl May Structure with the native dirt.

Provide adequate spacing between other plantings. Most tomatoes will require a 3' x 3' space.

OUR FAVORITE TOMATOES

+ DISEASE & TOLERANCE CHART

Variety	Description	Type	Days	Disease Resistant	Suggested Growing Habit
Hyb-Hybrid S-Standard (not hybrid)		Det.-Bush Type Ind.-Tall Growing	Number of days from transplanting to 1st picking (may vary by weather & season)		
Beefmaster Hyb.	Deep red, meaty 12 oz. to 2 lb., tolerance to cracking	Indeterminate	80 days	VFN	Stake, cage or let sprawl
Beefsteak S.	Deep scarlet, large irregular, very flat	Indeterminate	80 days	-	Stake, cage or let sprawl
Better Boy Hyb.	Bright red, meaty, to 1 lb.	Indeterminate	66 days	VFN	Stake, up cage or let sprawl
Big Beef Hyb.	Beefsteak type, up to 8 to 12 oz. red.	Indeterminate	73 days	VFNT	Stake, cage or let sprawl
Big Boy Hyb.	Scarlet red, meaty globe about 12 oz	Indeterminate	75 days	-	Stake, cage or let sprawl
Brandywine S.	Heirloom variety, large 1 lb.	Indeterminate	78 days	VF	Stake, cage, trellis
Bush Celebrity Hyb.	Large, globed-shaped, red 30" plants	Determinate	67 days	VFNT	Containers
Celebrity Hyb.	Large, globed-shaped, red	Semi-Determinate	70 days	VFNT	Cage or short stakes
Early Girl Hyb.	Red, 4 to 5 oz. Resistant to cracking	Indeterminate	62 days	V	Cage or let sprawl
Grape Hyb.	Clusters of medium-small red fruit	Indeterminate	67 days	VFNT	Cage or stake
Jet Star Hyb.	Large globe-shaped fruit, low acid.	Indeterminate	72 days	VF	Cage or Stake
Juliet Hyb.	1 oz. fruit in clusters	Indeterminate	60 days	-	Cage or let sprawl
Lemon Boy Hyb.	Meaty, clear lemon color Heavy yielder.	Indeterminate	72 days	VFN	Cage or let sprawl
Patio Prize Hyb.	4 to 5 oz. deep oblate.	Determinate	70 days	F	Container or staked
Roma (Catsup) S.	Bright red, fleshy, pear-shaped	Determinate	73 days	-	Cage or let sprawl
Rutger's S.	Red, globe-shaped	Determinate	77 days	-	Cage or let sprawl
Super Bush Hyb.	Large, meaty, red.	Determinate	68 days	VFN	Cage or let sprawl
Sun Sugar Hyb.	1" golden, cherry fruit	Indeterminate	62 days	FN	Cage, stake or let sprawl
Super Sweet 100 (Cherry) Hyb.	Round, 1" red.	Indeterminate	68 days	-VF	Stake, cage or trellis
Yellow Pear S.	Small, yellow, pear-shaped.	Indeterminate	75 days	-	Cage or let sprawl

TOMATO FACTS: Scientists have been working for many years to develop tomato varieties resistant to diseases. You will see the letters: V,F,N. or T. – The "V" indicates Verticillium Wilt, "F" Fusarium Wilt, "N" Neomatodes and "T" Tobacco Mosaic. If a variety has any one or more of the above letters, it indicates the variety has been determined to show resistance to that problem.

