How to Grow TOMATOES in Your Vegetable Garden

1 CHOOSE THE RIGHT VARIETY

Select a variety that suits your taste, space, and growing season.

- Cherry
- Roma/Plum
- Beefsteak
- Determinate (bush)
- Indeterminate (vining)



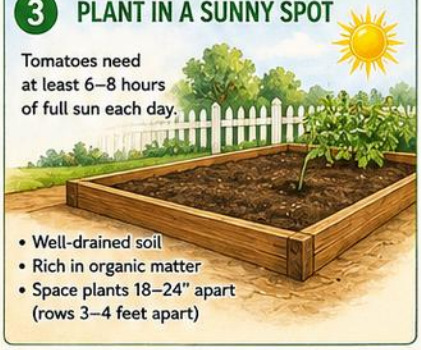
2 START WITH HEALTHY PLANTS

Use strong, healthy transplants 6–8 weeks old. Look for sturdy stems, deep green leaves, and no pests.



3 PLANT IN A SUNNY SPOT

Tomatoes need at least 6–8 hours of full sun each day.



- Well-drained soil
- Rich in organic matter
- Space plants 18–24" apart (rows 3–4 feet apart)

4 PLANT DEEP

Plant tomatoes deep—up to the first set of true leaves.

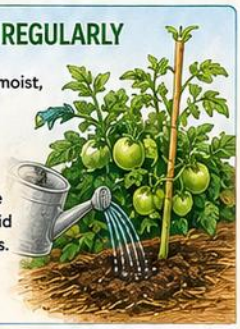
Burying the stem helps the plant grow strong roots.



5 WATER REGULARLY

Keep soil evenly moist, especially during flowering and fruit set.

Water at the base of the plant—avoid wetting the leaves.



6 SUPPORT YOUR PLANTS

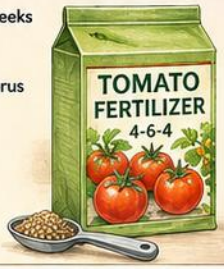
Use stakes, cages, or tomato trellises to keep plants upright and fruit off the ground.



7 FEED FOR STRONG GROWTH

Feed every 2–3 weeks with a balanced fertilizer or one higher in phosphorus and potassium.

Avoid too much nitrogen—it causes leafy growth instead of fruit.



8 PRUNE AND MAINTAIN

Remove "suckers" that grow between the main stem and branches (for indeterminate types).

Remove yellow leaves and any leaves touching the soil.

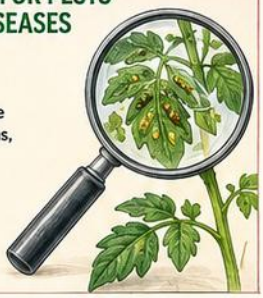


9 WATCH FOR PESTS AND DISEASES

Check plants regularly.

Look for pests like aphids, hornworms, and signs of disease.

Act early with organic solutions when needed.



10 MULCH TO PROTECT

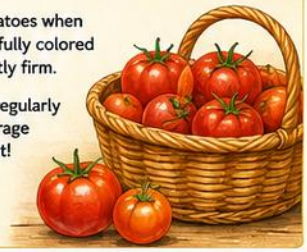
Add mulch around plants to keep soil moist, reduce weeds, and prevent soil from splashing onto leaves.



11 HARVEST AT THE RIGHT TIME

Pick tomatoes when they are fully colored and slightly firm.

Harvest regularly to encourage more fruit!



12 ENJOY YOUR BOUNTY!

Fresh from the garden—there's nothing better!



TOMATO SUCCESS TIPS

- Rotate plants each year
- Keep garden clean and weed-free
- Provide good air circulation
- Be patient and enjoy the process!

A little care brings a big harvest!

GROW GREAT TOMATOES!

With sunshine, water, good soil, and a little TLC, you'll enjoy baskets of juicy, homegrown tomatoes all season long!



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