

## GROWING TOMATOES SUCCESSFULLY

### Requirements

SUN	At least 6 hours a day
WATER	Do not let plants go dry
FERTILISER	Any multipurpose – low N formulation. Apply at planting time, and when flowers show and later if upper leaves change color
SOIL	Potting Soil with compost, peat or coir in mix
SUPPORT	Tomato cages
CONTAINER	Larger ones that are wider than deep, such as a compressed fiber pot or -: The potting soil sack itself. Make 12 holes in base, turn bag over and push much of the soil to the middle. Cut a large X in center and plant tomato in middle of sack.

### NOTES

- o Tomatoes will grow roots on their stems. Plant at an angle to bury a few inches of stem and then tie the plant upright. Tomato roots grow normally in the top few inches of soil.
- o Remove the lower leaves as the plant grows to reduce disease risk.
- o Mulch soil with alfalfa meal to reduce disease and it helps keep soil moist at all times.
- o A brown patch on the base of the fruit usually means lack of water, it is not a disease.
- o Changes in leaf color. White = sunburn. Yellow or purple = needs fertilizing
- o Pollination occurs when the wind, or you shaking the plant, distribute the pollen in the flower.
- o When growing indeterminate tomatoes, keep them to a single stem, pinch out new shoots that grow between the stem and the leaf axil. Determinate plants may be allowed to grow without pinching.

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