

WAGNERS CARE CARD

TOMATOES

Tomatoes are the favorite American vegetable for the home garden. Rich in vitamins A, B, and C, tomato varieties are available to produce fruit from early season until frost. Tomatoes are easy to grow. Even a few plants will produce plenty of fruit for eating fresh, canning, freezing, pickling, or making into chili sauce, ketchup, juice and paste to use all year around in cooking. Tomatoes are either determinate (D) or Indeterminate (I). Indeterminate plants continue to grow and produce fruit as long as the weather permits. Determinate varieties grow to a predetermined size and produce their fruit during a short time period. The letters that you see on tomato tags represent resistance to a common tomato problem. These letters only note the resistance of the plant.



BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Soil & Fertilizer Tomatoes require well-drained soil and a sunny location. When transplanting, set the plant deep in the ground and water immediately. Throughout the growing season, provide an even supply of water to your tomatoes. Water is best provided early in the day and below the foliage level to avoid the foliage and fruits remaining wet overnight, which can encourage disease. Each week, plan to provide 60 gallons of water for every 100 square feet of tomatoes grown. Regular applications of a fertilizer labeled specifically for tomatoes will increase yields. Like peppers, tomatoes will produce more foliage than fruits in response to a high nitrogen fertilizer. To insure the quality of your harvest, it is important to be providing a tomato specific fertilizer as soon as fruits begin to form.

Water Keeping your tomatoes uniformly moist will provide the best results. Water the tomatoes well just before transplanting and try to choose a shady day. This minimizes the initial water lost from the plant to the soil. When watering, avoid getting the foliage wet to discourage disease.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

Spacing Determine plant spacing based on your growing method. Free growing will require the most space per plan; allow three to four feet between plants in all directions. Caged plants will also require a lot of space with approximately four feet between plants in all directions. Staked plants can be grown in a tighter spacing, 18 to 30 inch spacing in rows three to four feet apart.



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WAGNERS TOMATO VARIETIES

VARIETIES	DAY TO MATURITY	FRUIT SIZE	DISEASE TOLERANCE*	COMMENTS
Brandywine	80-90	10-16 oz		Large, flat-round shape. Heirloom. Indeterminate.
Better Boy	75	8 oz	VFNA	Popular variety with good flavor, high yielding. Indeterminate.
Big Beef	73	10-12 oz	VFNTA	Proven in adverse conditions, high yielding. Indeterminate
Big Boy	78	10-12 oz		Old time favorite, vigorous. Indeterminate.
Celebrity	72	8 oz	VFNT	Firm, excellent flavor. Determinate.
Early Girl	52	4-6 oz		One of the earliest tomatoes. Indeterminate.
La Roma	76	5-8 oz	VFNA	Large Roma tomato, vigorous plant. Determinate.
Lemon Boy	72	7 oz	VFNA	Lemon yellow, mild flavor. Indeterminate.
Mega Bite	62-68	4-6 oz		Compact plant, good in containers. Determinate.
Patio	70	4 oz	FA	Good for containers. Determinate.
Peardrops	62-68	1 oz		Sweet yellow fruit, good for containers. Determinate.
Rambling Series	62-68	1-1½ oz		Vigorous trailing plants with striped fruit, good for baskets. Determinate.
Sugary	70	½ oz		Grape tomato, very sweet, pink-red fruit, productive. Indeterminate
Sunstart	60	6-7 oz	VFA	Compact plant, early. Determinate
Super Fantastic	70	10 oz	VFN	Solid, meaty fruit, high yields. Indeterminate.
Super Sweet 100	65	½-1 oz	VF	High yield of small, sweet cherry tomatoes. Indeterminate.
Sweet Baby Girl	65	1 oz	T	Produces 1 oz sweet cherry tomatoes, high yields. Indeterminate.
Sweet Olive	57	½-1 oz		Grape tomato, high yields, sweet. Determinate.
Tumbling Tom	75	1 oz		Sweet cherry tomato, good for baskets, high yields. Determinate.
Tumbling Tiger	62-68	1-1½ oz		Oval-shaped, striped cherry tomato, good for baskets. Determinate.
Window Box Roma	70	2 oz	VFT	Paste tomato, compact plant, good for containers. Determinate.
Yellow Pear	75-78	1 oz		Pear-shaped yellow fruits, vigorous. Heirloom. Indeterminate.
Tomatillo Toma Verde	75	2-3 oz		Mexican husk green tomatoes, early, flat-round fruit. Indeterminate.

*Disease codes: V = verticillium wilt F = fusarium wilt N = knot nematodes T = tobacco mosaic virus A = alternaria



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