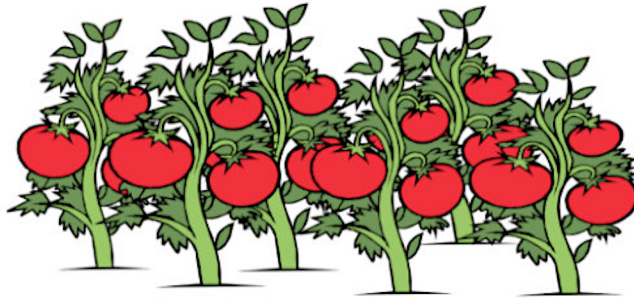


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Tomato Planting Instructions

- The tomato plants you just purchased have spent their whole lives sheltered in a greenhouse. Expose the young plants to an increasing number of hours of outdoor light and temperatures each day until they tolerate at least 6 hours of outdoor conditions.
- Plant after last frost (around mid April). Soil should be > 60 degrees F.
- At planting time soil should be moist at least 1 foot deep.
- Give plants plenty of space (1 ½ to 2 ft apart).
- Remove bottom leaves and gently remove plant from pot.
- 2/3 of the plant goes into the hole, called deep planting.
- Mulch all around the plant to control weeds and retain moisture.
- Place support structure around plant now. Don't wait.
- Tomatoes need regular irrigation during the growing season. Drip irrigation is best.
- Soil should be moist, not wet. Avoid wetting foliage or fruit when watering.
- Decrease watering when ripening begins.
- Weeds should be kept to a minimum because they compete with the plants for water and nutrients.

Enjoy Your Harvest!

For more information and tips on growing tomatoes
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