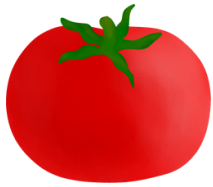




The Backyard Farming Connection Tomato Growing Guide

Need to Know: tomatoes are warm weather lovers that thrive with lots of sunlight. Avoid planting outside until after your last frost date.



Determinate vs Indeterminate: Determinate varieties grow to a fixed, compact size and produce fruit within a defined period. Indeterminate varieties continue to grow and produce fruit throughout the growing season, often requiring support and yielding a longer harvest period.

Some top tomato varieties for your backyard garden include "Brandywine," "Roma," "Cherry," "Better Boy," and "Sun Gold" due to their great flavor, disease resistance, and suitability for home cultivation.

Growing Requirements



6-8 Hours



18-24 inches



Consistent



**pH 6 to 6.8
Loamy Soil**

Planting: Start seeds indoors and plant seedlings after all danger of frost

Maintenance: Prune tomatoes and stake throughout the season. Avoid watering from overhead.

Harvest: Harvest when tomatoes reach peak ripeness and color. They will continue to ripen after harvest.

Companion Plants: basil, marigolds, nasturtiums, onions, garlic, and peppers

Avoid Planting With: Corn, potatoes, Cabbage

Special Care: Know how you will use your abundance of tomatoes