



TOMATOMANIA!

ROGER'S TOMATO RECOMMENDATIONS

Grow Great Tasting + Homegrown Tomatoes

Now that you have selected your tomatoes, here are some helpful tips, to ensure a long, productive and delicious tomato season.

FULL SUN IS BEST

Full sun is usually best, unless you are in a really hot inland valley.

A simple rule of thumb: The larger the tomato, the more sunlight it will need.

At least 8 to 10 hours is best. Six hours of sunlight is about the minimum to produce at least some fruit.

GROW ORGANICALLY

Great tomatoes begin and end with great soil.

Organic, biologically active soil, teeming with microbes, earthworms and other life is essential.

All our soils at Roger's Gardens are certified organic and the highest quality.

Our best soils are *Bu's Blend Potting Soil* (for pots) and *Bu's Blend Compost* (for the ground).

Use organic fertilizers.

They last longer, help build healthy living soils, are safer, better for the planet and produce more flavorful tomatoes. Don't use synthetic chemical fertilizer, like *MiracleGro*, *Shultz*, *Jobes*, etc. Our staff and Tomatomania's favorites are the organic *Down To Earth* fertilizers.

THE RIGHT SIZE CONTAINER

Most tomatoes are going to be six-to-eight-foot giants by mid-summer.

If you are planting in containers, we suggest a container that is about 18 inches across and similar in depth.

Anything smaller and your plants will show their unhappiness

– just when they are at their productive peak.

HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN TO WATER?

Water according to the soil, not the calendar.

How much is easy – whether in a container or in the ground always apply enough water to thoroughly saturate the soil all the way to the depth of the furthest roots.

How often depends on soil moisture, not the calendar.

When first planted, tomatoes might need more frequent watering than later on when their roots are deeper into the soil.

For newly planted tomatoes the soil should dry to about one inch before the next watering. As your tomatoes grow, the soil can dry a bit deeper between irrigations, maybe to two inches and eventually perhaps to three inches. The best way to know this is to simply put your finger into the soil, until you get into a rhythm and get familiar with the soil.

Most important is to water according to the soil, not because it has been a certain number of days since the last watering.

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Our Tomato Favorites

With so many great tomatoes how can you choose only one!

Slicing

Black Krim
Momotaro*
Pigletwillie's
French Black
Harvard Square*
2024 Tomato of the Year



Colorful

Green Zebra
Thorburn's
Terra-Cotta
Lava Flow*
2021 Tomato of the Year



Cherry or Pear

Black Cherry
Supersweet 100
Yellow Pear
Bronze Torch*
2022 Tomato of the Year



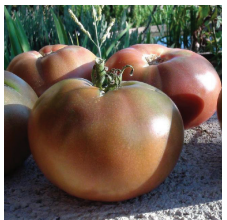
Paste

Dwarf Melanie's Ballet*
2023 Tomato of the Year
Amish Paste
San Marzano



Beefsteak

Big Beef
Cherokee Purple*
Madame
Marmande
Mortgage Lifter



*Reference for pictured tomatoes

Our Favorite Soils

For Pots
Bu's Blend Potting



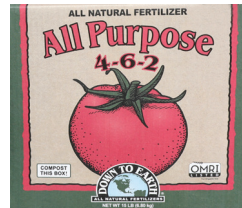
For Ground
Bu's Blend Compost



Organic and biodynamic, farm-made, premium, non-GMO and teaming with healthy microbes. Simply the best.

Our Favorite Fertilizers

Use once a month
Down to Earth Fertilizer



Use once a month
Malibu Compost Tea



Organic fertilizers enhance the soil biology and stimulate growth in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

Our Favorite Containers

For the Traditionalist



For the Innovator



Pulp pots are long lasting, organic and insulate from summer heat. Gro-bags are durable, lightweight and easily stored.