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## TOMATOES



### SOIL

Tomatoes grow best in well-drained garden soil that is rich in organic matter. They prefer soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0. Soil testing is essential to determine the pH. Sulfur can be used to decrease the pH level if soils are too alkaline. If soils are too acidic, lime may be added to increase pH.

### PLANTING

Set plants deeply in the soil to develop strong root systems. Be sure to remove any lower leaves which may be buried. Space 2 feet apart with rows 3 feet apart. When planting tomatoes, it is recommended that you follow a crop rotation system to cut down on soil-borne disease. In other words, tomatoes should not be grown in the same garden spot year after year, allowing at least a one year interval between tomato crops.

### FERTILIZER

Use a complete garden fertilizer when planting; then apply at three week intervals. A side dressing of high potassium fertilizer is good for tomatoes, as well as for any of the yellow bloom vegetables. This is applied when the first blooms appear.

NOTE: FERTILIZER FORMULATIONS, SUCH AS 10-10-10, REFER TO THE PERCENTAGE OF NITROGEN (N), PHOSPHOROUS (P), AND POTASSIUM (K), IN THAT ORDER IN THE FERTILIZER.

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