



TOMATO TIPS

REMEMBER: TOMATOES LIKE FULL SUN, SO MAKE SURE YOU ARE PLANTING THEM WHERE THEY WILL GET THE LONGEST AMOUNT OF AFTERNOON SUN, THOUGH ALL DAY SUN IS BEST. THIS GOES FOR OTHER VEGETABLE PLANTS AS WELL (PEPPERS, CUCUMBERS, ROOT CROPS, ETC...)

VARIETIES - TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER, WE ONLY GROW VARIETIES THAT ARE PROVEN TO DO EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN THE LOCAL AREA. THESE VARIETIES HAVE A HIGH DISEASE TOLERANCE AND WILL PRODUCE WELL. THE FLAVOUR AND ACIDITY LEVEL WILL VARY WITH EACH VARIETY, WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO FIND A TOMATO THAT IS SUITABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

STAKING OR CAGING - WE RECOMMEND TO STAKE AND CAGE YOUR PLANTS. YOU CAN DO THIS EITHER IN YOUR GARDEN OR IN THE POT YOU TRANSPLANT INTO. THE MORE YOU HELP THE PLANTS ALONG, THE BETTER THEY WILL GROW. STAKING AND CAGING HOLDS THE FRUIT FROM RESTING ON THE GROUND, MAKING THEM EASIER TO PICK AND ALSO PREVENTS SPOILAGE.

WATERING - WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU WATER YOUR PLANTS IN THE MORNING AND/OR THE EARLY AFTERNOON. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO WATER THE FOLIAGE OF THE PLANT, AND JUST THE SOIL; WATER DROPLETS CAN BURN THE PLANTS FOLIAGE.

FERTILIZER - WE RECOMMEND USING WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZER TO FEED YOUR PLANTS. THERE ARE MANY TYPES AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL GARDEN CENTRES. GIVING YOUR TOMATOES A FEEDING ONCE A WEEK WILL KEEP THEM HEALTHY AND WILL HELP THEM PRODUCE AN ABUNDANCE OF FRUIT. OUR FERTILIZER OF CHOICE IS 15-30-15.

CONTAINER GARDENING - IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP YOUR PLANTS WATERED IN THE HOT SUMMER. SO, CHOOSING A LARGER CONTAINER WILL ALLOW THE MOST MOISTURE RETENTION AND WILL ALSO GIVE YOUR PLANTS THE ROOT SPACE THEY REQUIRE. WE RECOMMEND A CONTAINER 2 GALLONS OR LARGER, WITH ONE TOMATO PLANT PER POT. DON'T FORGET TO FERTILIZE!

PINCHING - PINCHING THE SMALL LEAVES GROWING BETWEEN THE STALK OF THE PLANT, AND EACH BRANCH CAN FORCE THE PLANT TO PUT ITS ENERGY INTO BLOOMING AND PRODUCING FRUIT, RATHER THAN GROWING MORE LEAVES. BE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT PINCH OFF THE LEADER - FOUND AT THE CENTRE-TOP OF THE PLANT. THIS IS WHERE NEW GROWTH AND BUDS COME FROM, AND IS IMPARTIVE TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PLANT.