

TIPS AND FAQs

UPON ARRIVAL

When you receive your plants, immediately open the package to give your plants some fresh air and remove your plants from the box. Preferably open your box outside or somewhere that you don't mind getting messy, as some of the soil may have been shaken loose in transit.

Remove the plastic bag and sleeve from around the potted plant and discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

WATER

Water your plants immediately after taking them out of the box. Give them enough water so that the soil appears damp and water trickles out the bottom of the pot.

IF PLANTS APPEAR DRY

Sometimes plants may appear dried out and wilted after the voyage. Do not despair. Generally, when this happens the foliage may look lackluster but the rootstock is still perfectly healthy and alive. To plump your plants back up, water them and wait 5 minutes and then water them again. This will generally rehydrate them. Keep these plants well-watered until you can re-plant them into larger containers or in the garden.

If plants arrive dry, it is often because the roots have outgrown the small shipping pots and need more room to grow; roots tend to dry out quickly in small containers. This also means your plants are very much alive and when you transplant them into larger pots or the earth, they will start growing quickly! So, re-plant them as soon as possible.

YELLOW OR BROWN LEAVES

When you receive your plants, there may be some yellowed or browned foliage on the plant. This is normal. Pull those leaves off your plant. This will encourage new leaves to grow.

TIME TO PLANT!

Your plants are now ready to be replanted! Pick a container, hanging basket, window box or somewhere else that will allow these tomatoes to grow and gracefully hang over the sides of the pot. We recommend replanting in the morning or evening when outside temperatures are not at extremes. This will allow for proper water uptake from the roots.

WHEN CAN I EXPECT FRUIT?

Under normal conditions, these quick fruiting varieties will start producing fruit in as little as 30 days!

TRAILING TOMATOES

Our varieties of trailing tomatoes are the perfect companion for every patio or porch. They grow into compact mounds that gently cascade over the edges of the containers and stay nice and neat while doing so. Like all tomatoes, they prefer regular deep watering, especially during the heat of the summer. Water in the morning until you see water trickle out the bottom of the pot. If you are experiencing very hot weather, it may not hurt to give them another drink in the evening.

THE VARIETIES

Red Profusion – produces large 1 inch scarlet fruit on plants that are about 6" tall and 22" wide.

Peardrops – sweet, yellow pear shaped fruit will be loaded on your plants that are roughly 10" tall and 16" wide.

Firecracker – juicy elongated red-orange fruit with golden stripes appear on plants that are 14" tall and 36" wide.



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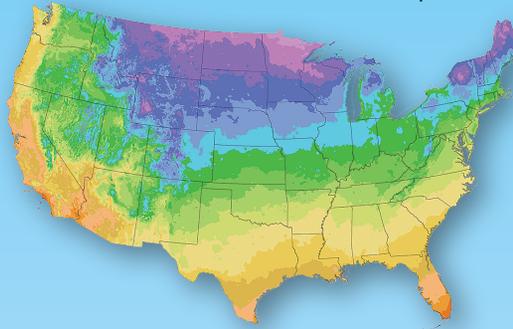
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Vegetalis Trailing
Patio Tomatoes
(Lycopersicon esculentum)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9-10
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	10-18"
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	6-14" 16-36"
BLOOM TIME:	Mid Summer to Early Fall

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant into the garden or a larger pot right away, make sure the plants stay well-watered.

2
STEP

Water your plants just before popping them out of the shipping containers. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50F. Dig holes the width of the root ball and about 5-6 inches deep. Place them in the holes and pack soil around the roots, filling the hole and making sure all the roots are covered with soil. Water them well again.

3
STEP

Alternatively, you may plant them in containers. Transplant into a larger container that slightly less wide than the maximum width your plant is expected to grow as indicated above. You may also choose an even larger container and plant multiple plants together in the same pot.

4
STEP

It is important to keep new plants well-watered. Tomatoes need regular deep watering during the active growth and bloom period to produce the juiciest fruit. Plants in containers will require water more often as well. Make sure the top 3-4" of soil remains moist to keep plants from wilting.

5
STEP

Planted now, your plants will begin producing fruit in about 30-40 days.

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WILL THE CRITTERS EAT THEM?

Unfortunately yes, but that is why placing them in containers on a sunny patio works so well. They produce high yields in containers & hanging baskets as well as in the garden.

POTTED PLANTS

Repot the plants into at least 8-10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

GARDEN PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 10-18 inches apart. If planting into containers allow for adequate air ventilation on a deck or patio.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

Red Profusion – HT 6", W 22"
Peardrops – HT 10", W 16"
Firecracker – HT 14", W 36"

WATER

All tomatoes produce much better with deep watering as opposed to shallow watering. Water these generously when the top 3-4 inches of soil is dry. If allowed to go too dry they may suffer wilt.

FERTILIZER

Use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Bounty once a month April through August.

LIGHTING

More sun really makes a difference in blooming and fruiting, 6 hours or more of sun is preferred. In extreme heat or warmer climates, put in partial shade to reduce the chance of sun scorch.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer long.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 10

When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there.

FRUITING

Under correct conditions, fruiting begins within weeks after planting and will continue to produce all season long with Red Profusion being the earliest followed by Peardrops and Firecracker.

WINTER SEASON

These are annuals that will only last one season. However, if some of your harvest has been allowed to fall away, they will often re-seed themselves the following year. This happens more often in warm winter areas.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Shipped
As Shown



Red Profusion



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Peardrop



Peardrop



Firecracker