



Tomato Starter Plant Care Guide

Welcome to Grow Something Steady

Your tomato plant started as a tiny seed and is now ready for its next home.

Don't worry about doing everything perfectly. Tomatoes are surprisingly forgiving, and every gardener learns as they grow.

Sunlight

Tomatoes love sunshine.

- Plant in a location that receives **6–8+ hours of direct sunlight each day**
- More sunlight generally means more tomatoes

Planting

When planting in the ground or a container:

- Dig a hole deeper than the root ball
- Remove the lower leaves if needed
- Plant the stem deeper than it was growing in the cup (tomatoes grow roots along buried stems)
- Gently firm soil around the plant

Container Growing

Tomatoes grow well in:

- 5-gallon buckets
- Grow bags
- Large pots or containers

Make sure containers have drainage holes.

Water

Keep soil consistently moist but not soggy.

A good rule:

- Water deeply when the top inch of soil feels dry
- During hot weather, containers may need water daily

Tomatoes prefer a deep soaking over frequent light watering.

Mulch

Adding mulch helps:

- Hold moisture
- Reduce weeds
- Keep soil temperatures more stable

Grass clippings, straw, leaves, or mulch all work well.

Support

Most tomato plants benefit from support as they grow.

Use:

- Tomato cages
- Stakes
- Trellises

Adding support early is much easier than waiting until the plant gets large.

Harvest

Tomatoes are ready when:

- They reach their mature color
- Feel slightly soft when gently squeezed

Pick often to encourage continued production.

A Final Reminder

Gardening is not about perfection.

Some plants thrive.

Some struggle.

Some surprise you.

Growth often happens slowly and quietly.

Keep watering.

Keep showing up.

Something is growing.

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