

TIPS FOR PLANTING TOMATOES
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Choose tomatoes with strong stems and healthy leaves.

Look for well-developed roots; pop out of the pot for a quick look.

Prepare the soil prior to planting by amending with compost. Soil test every 3 years.

Dig a hole that will allow you to plant 2/3rds of the tomato below the soil line.

Water the hole and allow the water to be absorbed,

Remove your tomato from its pot and flare out the root ball to encourage root expansion.

Remove any lower branches that may touch the soil. Use a scissor to prevent damage to the stem.

After placing the tomato in the hole backfill and water well. ½ strength water soluble fertilizer works well now.

This is a good time to add your support structure.

Mulch well to prevent splashing of soil on to the leaves; reducing the risk of blight. Mulch does prevent the soil from warming so be sure you are planting into already warm soil.

Water 1-2 times a week, soaking well each time.

Happy gardening,
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