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Grow Your Own Cucumbers & Tomatoes

Varieties - Tomatoes

Large Fruits

- F1 Beefeater
- Faworyt

Medium Fruits

- F1 Nimbus (indoor)
- F1 Shirley (indoor)

Small/Cherry

- F1 Sweet Olive
- Floridity
- F1 Sungold
- F1 Sweet Million
- Gardener's Delight

Outdoor Bush Varieties

- F1 Incas (plum)
- The Amateur
- Totem

Patio Tumbling Varieties

- Tumbler
- Tumbling Tom Red
- Tumbling Tom Yellow

The varieties Totem, Tumbler and Tumbling Tom need very little care. They do not need the usual tying and pinching out of side shoots.

Indoor/Outdoor

- F1 Fantasio
- Ailsa craig
- Alicante
- Moneymaker
- Tamina
- Golden Sunrise
- Marmande

Varieties - Cucumbers

Greenhouse all Female Types

- F1 Bella
- F1 Palermo
- F1 Carmen
- F1 Cucino
- F1 Tiffany

Greenhouse normal

- F1 Byblos
- Telegraph Improved

Mini Cucumbers

- F1 Baribal (female type)
- F1 Prima Top
- F1 Sunsweet

Ridge (Outdoor)

- F1 Burpless tasty green
- Long green ridge
Marketmore

Tip

To ripen green fruits at the end of the season lie them down on a tray and put them into a drawer. Next to the tray add a couple of ripe apples to help generate the ripening gas ethylene.



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Tomatoes - Indoor



To reduce the risk of root pests and other soil diseases tomatoes are best grown in ring culture, growbags or planting into 9" pots filled with compost. Tomatoes can also be grown in border soil. Prepare the soil in winter, dig in peat and a small amount of compost and manure. Rake in Growmore fertiliser shortly before planting. This only works if soil is either sterile or changed regularly.

Sowing Time

Heated greenhouse February-March.
Cold greenhouse April-May.

Crop Care

See crop care for outdoor varieties. Mist plants and tap the supports occasionally to aid pollination and fruit set. Ventilation is essential in summer – shade the glass with cool-grass when the temperature reaches 80°F. When plants have reached the top of the greenhouse or when 7 trusses have set, remove the tip at 2 leaves above the top truss. Feed with a soluble feed or liquid tomato food every time you water and do not allow the growbags to dry out

Harvesting

Pick fruits when they are ripe and fully covered. Hold the tomato in your palm and with your thumb break off the fruit at the knuckle (swelling on the stalk).

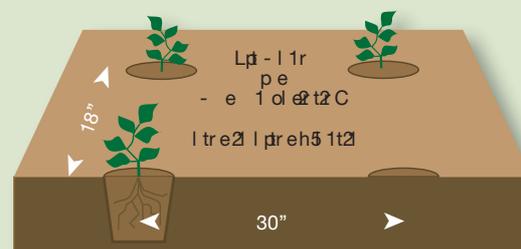
Tomatoes - Outdoor

Outdoor tomatoes are a tender crop so choose a warm spot in front of a south-facing wall if you can. During winter dig thoroughly and incorporate garden compost plus peat. Shortly before planting, rake in a general fertiliser e.g. Growmore.

If you are short of space tomatoes can be grown in containers or bags on the patio or balcony. Plants will need more water and feed if grown this way.

Sowing Time

May-June.



Crop Care

If an upright (cordon) variety is grown loosely tie the stem to the cane. Make the ties at 12" intervals as the plant grows. Side shoots will appear where the leaf stalks join the stem. Pinch them out when they are about 1" long. Remove yellowing leaves below fruit trusses as the season progresses. Don't overdo the de-leaving process.

Water regularly in dry weather to keep soil moist. Alternating dryness with flooding will cause blossom end rot or fruit splitting. Feed regularly with a tomato fertiliser. When small tomatoes have developed on the 4th truss (fruiting stem) remove the tip at 2 leaves above this truss.

Cucumbers - Greenhouse

Plant seedlings in John Innes no.3 compost in 10" pot or grow-bags



Crop Care

Keep temperature at a minimum of 60-70°F. Keep the compost moist but never waterlogged. Keep the air moist and well ventilated. Spray the floor to maintain high humidity.

Train the stem up a vertical wire cane. Pinch out the growing point when the leader reaches the roof. The tip of each side shoot is pinched out at two leaves beyond a female flower. Female flowers have a miniature flower behind them. Male flowers have just a thin stalk. Pinch out tips of flowerless side shoots when 2ft long. Remove all male flowers from ordinary varieties because fertilised fruit is bitter. By choosing all female varieties eliminates this problem. Feed every 2 weeks with a tomato fertiliser once the first fruits have started to swell.

Harvesting

They should be cut when they meet maximum size (will vary depending on variety), do not try to grow huge specimens or it will effect the total yield. Most types are 6-8" long, gherkins 4" and apple varieties the size of duck eggs. Use a sharp knife to remove fruits from the stem. Good soil, proper care and continuous picking should result in the production of many fruits until the end of September.

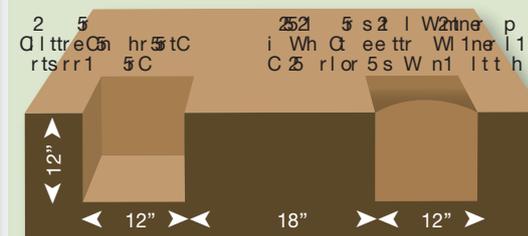
Cucumbers - Outdoor Ridge

A sunny spot, protected from strong winds is essential. Soil must be well drained and rich in humus. Prepare planting pockets as shown 2 weeks before planting.



Sowing Time

End of May-June.



Crop Care

Pinch out growing tip when the plants have developed 6 or 7 leaves. Side shoots will then develop, and these can be left to trail over the ground or be trained up stout netting. Any shoots not bearing flowers should be pinched out at the 7th leaf. Keep soil moist. Water around the plants, not over them. Mist lightly in dry weather. Place black polythene over the soil in summer before fruit formation. This will raise the soil temperature, conserve moisture, keep down weeds and protect the fruits from rot. Once the fruits have started to swell, feed with liquid tomato fertiliser. Fertilisation is essential. Never remove the male flowers on the outdoor ridge varieties.