

# GROW YOUR OWN TOMATOES

## General Information

- Scientific Name: *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*
  - Family: Solanaceae
- Warm season
- Planting Window:
  - Start seeds indoors, under lights in mid-March 8 weeks prior to transplanting around mid-May
- pH = 5.5-7.5
- Spacing: one plant will fit in a 5-gallon container
- Check moisture frequently to make sure plant does not dry out
- Work one trowel-full of 4-6-6 fertilizer into hole before transplanting
- Tip: support plants with cages to keep them upright!



## Pests & Diseases

- Hornworm - inspect leaves and plant
- Mulch with plastic layer or grass clippings to prevent splash when watering
- Disease-resistant cultivars can be planted as well!

## Successful Cultivars

- Patio F Hybrid (70 days)
- Bush Champion II Hybrid (65 days)
- Bush Early Girl Hybrid (65 days)