

LARRY MOORE'S TOMATO TIPS



Plant early, mid-season, and late varieties to assure harvest all summer long. I use Early Girl Hybrid, Big Boy, Big Girl, Celebrity, and Beefmaster or Super Beefsteak.

- 1. Start with 4-6 inch tall plants.**
- 2. Dig transplant hole, 6 inches wide, 4 inches deep.**
- 3. Mix handful of well-rotted cow manure in transplant hole.**
- 4. Set plant in hole, two inches deeper than it was in pot.**
- 5. Mix tablespoon of organic fertilizer in gallon of water.**
- 6. Pour cup of liquid mixture in hole.**
- 7. Pull soil and manure around the plant, press firmly.**
- 8. Water thoroughly and plant is ready to grow.**

When plants begin to bloom, prepare wire cages two and a half feet in diameter and five feet tall to put around each plant. I use concrete reinforcing wire or fencing. Make sure openings are large enough to reach in and harvest fruit.

WHEN FIRST FRUITS ARE MARBLE SIZE, PUT TWO HANDFULS OF SOYBEAN MEAL AROUND EACH PLANT AND WORK IT INTO THE SOIL.

REPEAT THE PROCEDURE LABOR DAY WEEKEND SO YOU'LL HAVE LUSH VINES AND ABUNDANT FRUIT UNTIL FROST.

Happy Growing Always!

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Larry Moore in black ink.

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