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## How to grow fat tomatoes

To grow your own tomatoes with great' results, purchase stocky, well-colored disease-free plants from a reputable plant grower or garden centre, says Horticulturist Ian Smith of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's plant industry branch, Vineland Station.

Plant varieties best suited to your purpose and to the size of your garden. For example, where space is limited, use staking varieties such as Early Girl or Big Boy. These require more care, but can be planted closer together and produce larger, earlier, cleaner fruit.

In a larger garden, consider tomato paste type varieties for canning such as Veepick, Roma or Red Top.

Before planting, work in rotted manure or compost and a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-10 at 15 kilograms per 100 squre metres (30 pounds per 1,000 square feet). If you are unsure of your soll's fertilizer requirements have a sample tested (check at your local OMAF office for details).

Heavy, poorly drained soils required added organic matter for several years before they are suitable for normal growth, he says.

Plant only after the soil has warmed up and all danger of frost is past.

Space plants according to plant type and your own garden plan. A suggested spacing for staked plants is 30 centimetres to 45 cm (12 inches to 18 in.) apart in rows 105 cm to 120 cm (42 in. to 48 in.) apart.

When planting, disturb the roots as little as possible. Set the plants a bit deeper than they were in the original container. Press the soil firmly around the roots and apply a cupful of water or preferably plant starter solution, around each plant.

Control weeds when they are small, Mulching with clean straw, wood shavings or other suitable material helps control weeds in addition to conserving moisture and cooling the soil in hot weather.

Avoid cultivating or hoeing deeply after the plants are well established.

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