

Early Girl Tomatoes (Hybrid)

Growth Habit: Determinate, compact and bushy

Best Uses: Fresh eating, salads, and sandwiches

Growing Information:

- Full sun
- Well-draining soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8
- Start seeds indoors 6 to 8 weeks before the last frost
- Transplant seedlings outdoors after hardening off
- Space plants 18 to 24 inches apart

Maintenance Information:

- Minimal pruning required due to determinate growth habit
- Water consistently, providing 1 to 2 inches of water per week
- Fertilize with a balanced tomato fertilizer at planting and again after the first fruit set

Pest Management:

- Monitor for common tomato pests like aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites
- Check for signs of fungal diseases like early blight or late blight, and remove infected leaves promptly
- Early Girl tomatoes are generally disease-resistant

Companion Plants:

- Good companion plants for Early Girl tomatoes include basil, marigolds, and nasturtiums, which help repel pests
- Avoid planting tomatoes near fennel, potatoes, or other members of the nightshade family