

Legend Tomatoes (Heirloom)

Growth Habit: Determinate, compact and bushy, reaching 3 to 4 feet in height. The plant has a shorter growing season (70 to 80 days) and produces a heavy yield of fruit over a shorter period.

Best Uses: Fresh eating, canning, and cooking. Known for their medium size (6 to 8 ounces each), sweet flavor, and uniform appearance, making them great for slicing and preserving.

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
- Provide support for plants if needed (e.g., stakes or cages)

Maintenance Information:

- Prune suckers and lower leaves to encourage fruit production and maintain plant structure
- Water consistently, providing 1 to 2 inches of water per week
- Fertilize with a balanced tomato fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks

Pest Management:

- Monitor for common tomato pests like aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites
- Watch for signs of fungal diseases like early blight and late blight, and remove infected leaves promptly

Companion Plants:

- Good companion plants for Legend tomatoes include basil, marigolds, and nasturtiums, which help repel pests and promote beneficial insects.
- Avoid planting tomatoes near fennel, potatoes, or other members of the nightshade family to prevent disease and pests from spreading.