

Oregon Spring Tomatoes (Heirloom)

Growth Habit: Compact, determinate growth habit, with vines reaching only 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. Ideal for container gardening or small garden spaces.

Best Uses: Early season tomatoes, fresh eating, and salads. Known for their early maturity (58 days from transplant) and globe-shaped fruit, these tomatoes provide an early harvest of delicious, full-sized tomatoes.

Growing Information:

- Full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sunlight)
- Well-draining soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8
- Transplant outdoors after the last frost, when nighttime temperatures are above 55°F
- Space plants 12 to 18 inches apart
- Container-friendly: Use a 5-gallon pot or larger

Maintenance Information:

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

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 Oregon Spring 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.