# **Patio Tomatoes (Hybrid)**

**Growth Habit:** Dwarf, compact, ideal for containers and small spaces

Best Uses: Fresh eating, salads, and snacking

# **Growing Information:**

- Full sun to partial shade
- Well-draining, nutrient-rich soil or containers amended with organic matter
- Water well after planting; maintain 1 inch of water once a week throughout the growing season
- Feed with a slow-release fertilizer like Osmocote® or Garden-tone®

#### **Maintenance Information:**

- Minimal pruning required due to dwarf growth habit
- Monitor soil moisture and water consistently to prevent drying out
- Fertilize according to package instructions

## **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

### **Companion Plants:**

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