

How to Grow Roma Tomatoes



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Tomatoes are perhaps the easiest plant, besides zucchini, to grow in a garden. They are commonly grown in vegetable gardens even though they are technically a fruit. There are a variety of tomatoes, each with its own shape, texture and taste. Roma tomatoes are a less juicy type and are milder in flavor than other tomatoes. They are commonly referred to as paste tomatoes as they are great for making tomato paste, ketchup and preserving. Read on to learn more.



Difficulty: Easy

Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- Roma seeds
 - Roma starts
 - Nutrient rich soil
 - Fertilizer
 - Soaker hose
 - Shovel
1. Growing Roma tomatoes from seed, while “easy” can be time consuming. Plant seeds in fertile soil and keep in a green house or warm sunny window for two months. Water and fertilize the little plant frequently. Transplant outside when danger of frost is past.



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2. Transplant the little plants in nutrient rich soil and full sun. Dig a hole big enough to cover the tomato plant up to its first set of leaves. Place the plant in the hole and fill in. Cover the first set of leaves to help the plant grow a strong root system.
3. Water the tomato garden. Water deeply by using a soaker hose. Water every other day in mild climates. Water daily in hot climates.
4. Fertilize tomatoes weekly. Use an all purpose vegetable fertilizer or tomato fertilizer. Follow package instructions.
5. Treat tomatoes with an organic pesticide. Treat plants immediately before pests have a chance to start nibbling.
6. Pick tomatoes when they are fully red. Put unripe tomatoes that have fallen off the plant in a window to ripen.

