

How to Grow Beefsteak Tomatoes from Seed

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The Beefsteak tomato is a vigorous variety that is absolutely delicious. The Beefsteak tomato plant requires little space and effort, yet produces a tremendously abundant crop. The Beefsteak variety is a perfect slicer tomato for sandwiches, but also for salads, juice, canning and various relishes. [Canning tomatoes](#) is a very easy process, and once you learn it, you can enjoy your homegrown Beefsteak tomatoes all year round.

Seed Growing Instructions for Beefsteak Tomatoes

Planting Location	Planting Depth	Seed Spacing	Spacing Between Rows	Days to Germination	Spacing After Thinning	Days to Maturity
Indoors	¼"	½"	2" to 3"	8 to 14	3"	65 to 80
Outdoors	1/2"	6"	3' to 4'	14 to 18	2' to 4'	95 to 120

When and Where to Plant Your Beefsteak Tomato Seeds

For an early crop of Beefsteak tomatoes, start your seeds indoors using a good [indoor lighting set up](#), about seven weeks before you can plant them outdoors. Regardless of whether you start your Beefsteak tomato seeds indoors or direct sow them outdoors, you will want to select a sunny location and keep the soil moist. Feed your Beefsteak tomato

plants monthly using a good [organic tomato fertilizer](#), and when watering, make sure it is a deep watering so the Beefsteak tomato roots "reach" for that water.

How to Care for Your Beefsteak Tomato Plants

There are a number of methods you can use for keeping your Beefsteak tomatoes upright and off the ground. I like to use [tomato cages](#) to keep my Beefsteak tomatoes propped up. Beefsteak tomato plants cannot hold themselves up, so you will need to use something to keep them upright. [Stakes with ties](#) is another popular option as is a Florida weave.

How to Harvest Your Beefsteak Tomatoes

When the Beefsteak tomato turns an even red color it is time to pick them. Gently pull the tomato off of the plant. For best results, harvest your Beefsteak tomatoes first thing in the morning. I've found that the taste is so much sweeter.

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