

LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens Tomatoes



Freeze-safe plant date is March 15th. Keep plants in a warm sunny area until then.

During that time, water once a day to saturation and fertilize once a week with Miracle-Gro or Peter's 20-20-20, 1 tbsp. per gal. of water.

Move plants outside (if not already outside) 4–6 days before planting to allow plants to “harden off.” (Plants kept indoors or in a greenhouse will have poor structural support. Hardening off allows wind and elements to blow the plant around, which strengthens the structure (stem) of the plant before planting in the ground.)

Transplants can be planted to a depth of approx. 2–3” above root ball, but below first true leaves.

Water after transplant with Miracle-Gro or Peter's 20-20-20, 2 tbsp. per gal.

Continue feeding once a week, but water every day. Add fertilizer, 1 tbsp. per gal. every week for the first month, building up to 6 tbsp. Continue with 6 tbsp per gal. throughout the growing season.

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