Tempting Tomatoes™ Garden Gem Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum 'Garden Gem'



Tempting Tomatoes Garden Gem Tomato fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This variety produces an ample amount of small snack sized red fruit; firm with a well balanced flavor; perfect for containers or garden; wide range of culinary use; heat tolerant and sun loving; caging or staking is required

Edible Qualities

Tempting Tomatoes Garden Gem Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small clusters of red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The tomatoes have a pleasant taste and a firm texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Canning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Tempting Tomatoes Garden Gem Tomato will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This plant can be difficult to integrate into a landscape or flower garden, and is best grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tempting Tomatoes Garden Gem Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.