First Lady II Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum 'First Lady II'



First Lady II Tomato fruit
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Slicer-Indeterminate

Description:

A wonderful easy to grow, mid summer variety with a vigorous indeterminate growth habit; produces clusters of smooth, globed shaped red tomatoes; juicy and sweet, perfect for salads, sandwiches, canning or drying; suitable for large patio containers

Edible Qualities

First Lady II Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The tomatoes have a delicious taste and a firm texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

First Lady II Tomato will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. 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.

This plant is typically 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.

First Lady II Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. 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.