# James Tomato

***Solanum lycopersicum 'James'***



*James Tomato fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Determinate

**Description:**

A compact pot variety with determinate growth, making them ideal for patio containers, windowsills and small gardens; produces upwards of 80 small red tomatoes with a wonderful sweet flavor and firm texture; great for snacking or salads

**Edible Qualities**

James Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces small red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid to late summer. This is a determinate variety, which means it bears a full crop all at once. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Pickling

**Planting & Growing**

James Tomato will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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.

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.

James Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.