# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHEN CAN I EXPECT FRUIT?

Under normal conditions which include warm summer temperatures and full sunny location each variety will begin fruiting accordingly: Sweet 'n' Neat Cherry Tomato 50 days; Mohawk Sweet Orange Pepper 60 days; Jack Pot Baby Eggplant 50 days.

#### WHAT MAKES THESE SO AMAZING?

These three compact vegetables are extremely cute but also are extremely high yielding plants and fast producing too! That means you'll be picking and eating until the end of summer. What sets this collection apart is each variety's fresh, homegrown flavor, exceptional fruit quality, earlier and longer harvests, loads of produce, and compact habits to fit smaller growing spaces.

#### WHAT IS SWEET 'N' NEAT CHERRY TOMATO LIKE?

It is an extra compact type suitable for use in a small container or even on a kitchen window sill; Fruiting in about 50 days; It is especially sweet and tasty and fruits all summer; You can't stop eating them! HT 10", W 8"

#### WHAT IS MOHAWK SWEET ORANGE PEPPER LIKE?

Sweet not spicy! Compact with a cascading habit that is good for hanging baskets and patio planters. A perfect choice for small space gardens. Produces a huge crop of small, block-shaped green fruits which ripen to a bright orange in about 60 days. Fresh, grilled, or baked. HT 12", W 20".

#### WHAT IS JACK POT BABY EGGPLANT LIKE?

Prolific dark purple fruits over a long cropping period starting in about 50 days. Good vigor, compact, spineless, and thin skin makes this an ideal variety. Fruits can also be harvested small as a true baby vegetable – Grilled, baked, or stewed they are delicious. HT 22", W 18"

# FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can't plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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## Plant Hardiness Zone Map





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Vegetalis
Tasty Patio Edibles
(Lycopersicon esculentum,
Capsicum annum, Solanum melongena)



# QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

| LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:   | Full/Part Sun  |
|---|--|
| USDA<br>HARDINESS ZONES:  | 9 to 11  |
| PLANT TYPE  | Annual   |
| PLANTING DISTANCE:  | 12-20 inches   |
| MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:   | Tomato - HT 10", W 8";<br>Pepper HT 12", W 20"<br>Eggplant HT 22" W 18"  |
| BLOOM TIME:   | Summer   |
| PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:<br>(soil preparation, depth,<br>which end is up, etc.) | Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.Transplant into the garden or large containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50F. |
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# PLANTING GUIDE

STEP

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Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again.

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 8 - 10 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

In normal conditions fruiting will begin  $50-60\ days.$ 

# CONTINUING CARE

#### PLANT PREPARATION

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#### WILL THE CRITTERS EAT THEM?

Unfortunately yes. But that is why placing them in containers on the sunny patio works so well. They produce high yields in containers as well in the garden.

#### **POTTED PLANTS**

Repot the plants into larger 8-10 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

#### SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

**GARDEN PREPARATION** 

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

## PLANTING SPACING

If planting into the garden space them 12-20 inches apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

#### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

Tomato -HT 10", W 8"; Pepper HT 12", W 20"; Eggplant HT 22", W 18"

#### WATER

All tomatoes produce much better with deep watering as opposed to shallow watering. Water these generously when the top 3-4 inches of soil is dry. If allowed to go too dry they may suffer wilt.

#### **FERTILIZER**

To promote more flowers use a well balanced fertilizer like Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month April through August.

## LIGHTING

These prefer full to part sun. More sun really makes a difference in blooming and fruiting .

#### **BLOOMING**

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer.

## **TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11**

When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there.

## FRUITING

Under correct conditions, fruiting begins 50-60 days after planting varied by cultivar.

#### WINTER SEASON

These are annuals that will only last one season. However, if some of your harvest has been allowed to fall away, they will often re-seed themselves the following year. This happens more often in warm winter areas.

# Additional Reference



Tomato, Pepper, Eggplant shipped as shown



Eggplant Jackpot fruits can also be harvested small as a true baby vegetable



Eggplant Jackpot grilled, baked, or stewed they are delicious



Eggplant Jackpot prolific dark purple fruits



Mohawk Sweet Orange Pepper compact with a cascading habit



Mohawk Sweet Orange Pepper a perfect choice for small space



Sweet n Neat Cherry Red Tomato lasagna



Sweet n Neat Cherry Red Tomato sweet and tasty and fruits all summer



Sweet n Neat Cherry Red Tomato extra compact type suitable for use in a small container