

A little bit of advice on growing tomatoes.

There are so many varieties of tomatoes that it seems that every time you go to the garden shop there is another variety.

A general rule of thumb is there are 3 different sizes small, medium and large.

Small tomatoes varieties generally called Cherry tomatoes, such varieties as Golden Cherry Red Grape, Sugar Snack, and many others.

The medium varieties come under the name of Roma tomatoes, with names such as Casablanca, Italian pride and the very popular San Marzano.

The large varieties have names such as Grosse Lisse, Mighty Red and Ox Heart.

When you are choosing a variety pick a variety that has been around for a while as the varieties that are not so good quickly drop off the market.

A general rule with growing tomatoes is that the longer it takes to ripen the more chance it has to be eaten by bugs, so if you are just starting a Vegetable garden a cherry tomato would be the one I would pick as it ripens quickly and you can eat them on the run and they are great in salads.

Tomatoes love the sun, they can survive in some shade but they take a lot longer to ripen.

If your tomato needs to be watered, use a liquid fertilizer, but if it just needs a fertilize use a granular one as overwatering is a big killer of tomatoes. Choosing the right fertilizer is also important so check with your Garden supply store for some good advice.