

# EXPERT ADVICE

Special Advertising Section



## How do I grow great tomatoes?

One of the most popular questions at The Growing Place in spring is “When are your tomatoes coming?” We offer both virus-resistant and heirloom varieties of tomatoes grown in our Aurora greenhouses beginning the first week of May at both our Naperville and Aurora locations. However, tomatoes only really start growing once the soil temperature has reached 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Our staff recommends waiting to plant them in the ground until after mid-May and to protect plants from temperatures below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Cool temperatures will stunt tomato growth. Tomatoes love water, but do best when watered at the soil level so moisture doesn’t collect on the leaves, attracting fungus. Consider adding companion plants such as basil, marigold and chives to your garden as they improve the growth and flavor of tomatoes. Nothing tastes better than a homegrown tomato! Also find a huge selection of vegetables, herbs and other plants for your gardens.

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