

# Saving Tomato Seeds

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# Are you interested in saving seeds from your favorite tomato?

## **Open pollinated or heirloom selections**

Developing seeds grow same characteristics as parent. Choose these seeds to save.

## **Hybrid selections**

Seeds produced by the hybrid will have range of traits of both parents. You must purchase hybrid seeds new every year.

**If you  
grow  
many  
different  
open  
pollinated  
varieties....**

**01**

Bees may visit flowers on different plants and cross pollinate your plants. The resulting seeds may have traits of different varieties.

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**02**

Isolate the tomato from other varieties, by at least 10 feet, if you are saving seeds.



Fruits must be ripe  
in order for you to  
collect mature  
seeds.

Allow a couple of  
fruits to ripen  
thoroughly on the  
vine.





Remove seeds from fruit. There will still be pulp attached. Place in a jar of clean water.







Keep at room temperature for a couple of days, stirring mixture daily.

Viable seeds will sink to the bottom. Throw out any seeds that float.



Using a strainer, run clean water over seeds, separating any remaining pulp from seeds.







Spread seeds out on filter, towel, or screen and let dry for 3-5 days.

Turn seeds to allow for complete drying.

Do not use heat or sun to dry seeds quickly.





## Storage Options:

- Use a water resistant container or package.
- Store in envelopes and place in closed container.

Add a desiccant to the package.

Label and date seeds.







You are now ready to start your seeds next growing season.



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