Saving Tomato Seeds











Are you interested in saving seeds from your favorite tomato?

Open pollinated or heirloom selections

Developing seeds grow same characterisitcs 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....

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

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.



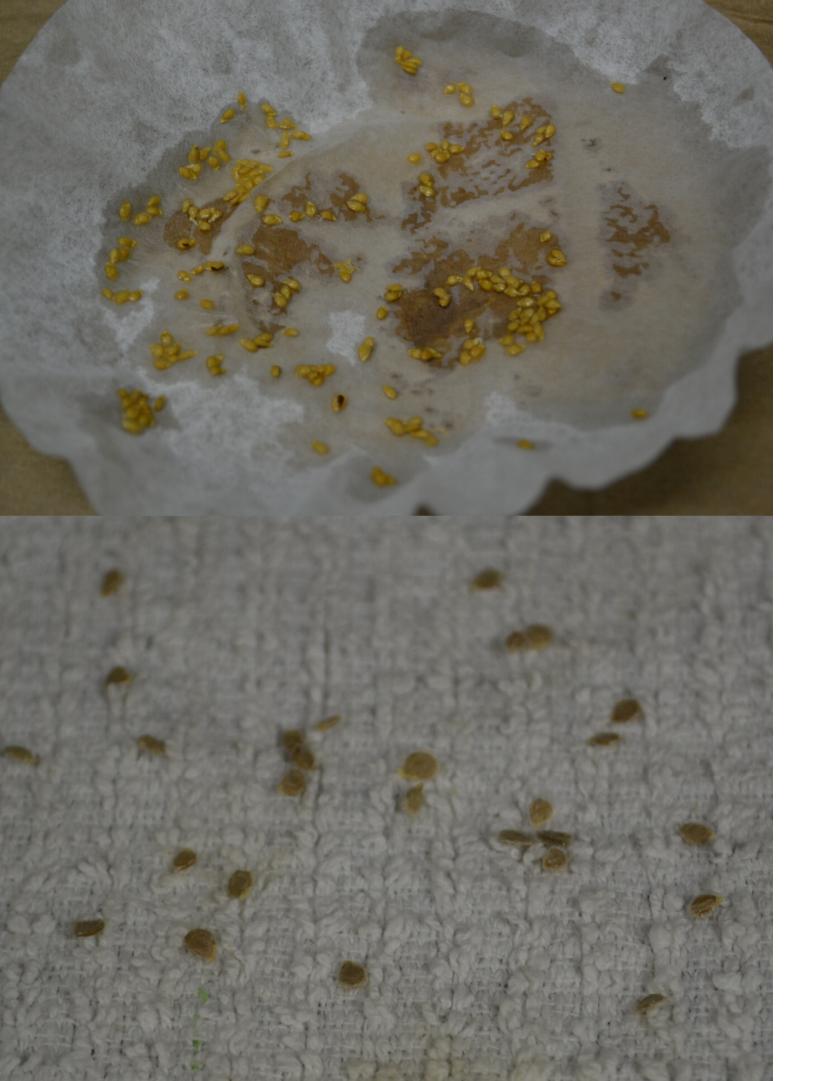


Keep at room temperature for a couple of days, stirring mixture daily.

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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