

GRAFTED TOMATOES

“BURPEE’S BUMPER CROP”

Something new we are trying out this year is Grafted Tomatoes. We will be trialing four different varieties: Mortgage Lifter, San Marzano, Brandywine Pink, and Brandywine Red. For those of you who do not know, a grafted tomato is the result of fusing an heirloom tomato plant with a newer hybrid plant. By doing this, the hybrid helps the heirloom be more vigorous, disease resistant, and bountiful.

Mortgage Lifter

HEIRLOOM. This huge heirloom beefsteak (up to 4 pounds; average 2 ½ pounds) consistently wins taste-tests. Developed in the 1930's by a gardener who planted the four biggest varieties he knew, and crossed one with pollen from the other three. He did this for six seasons and created a variety that produced immense, tasty fruit. He sold the plants for \$1 a piece \$1,000 a year - and paid off his mortgage in six years.



PRODUCT DETAILS: FULL SUN
80 DAYS TO MATURITY
HEIGHT: 36-40 INCHES



San Marzano

San Marzano tomatoes have thick and meaty flesh that is perfect for sauces or pastes. They are a great candidate for oven-drying, too. Indeterminate. Harvest about 76 days after transplanting. **Roma type.**

PRODUCT DETAILS:
FULL SUN
80 DAYS TO MATURITY
HEIGHT: 40-48 INCHES



Brandywine Red

Over the past 20-30 years, gaggles of gardeners have been growing, selecting, saving and exchanging seeds of the revered 'Brandywine' variety, giving rise to several new and noteworthy strains. The large indeterminate potato leaf vines produce deep-red fruits weighing up to 2 lbs. with excellent, mild, balanced heirloom flavor. 80-100 days from transplant.

PRODUCT DETAILS

80-100 days to maturity

Brandywine Pink

Brandywine, which dates back to 1885, is the heirloom tomato standard. One taste and you'll be enchanted by its superb flavor and luscious shade of red-pink. The large, beefsteak-shaped fruits grow on unusually upright, potato-leaved plants. The fruits set one or two per cluster and ripen late—and are worth the wait. Brandywine's qualities really shine when it develops an incredible fine, sweet flavor.

PRODUCT DETAILS

FULL SUN
85 DAYS TO MATURITY
HEIGHT: 40-48 INCHES

