

Tomato Planting Instructions:

1. Dig a hole about 6” across and 6” deep. Bigger is ok, just not too small.
2. Toss in the fertilizer using amount as directed on the package. I love Mater Magic fertilizer (Home Depot or Amazon). You use a lot, and one jar (tomato shaped!) will fertilize about 3-4 plants.
3. Swirl/mix the fertilizer with the dirt in the bottom of the hole.
4. Tip your tomato out of its container and place in the bottom of the hole—it’s ok, if some of the stem is below the surface level of your garden or pot—this is one difference for tomatoes from other plants –it’s ok to bury part of the stem, it will grow more roots from it stabilizing it and making more roots for nutrients.
5. Gently pack the dirt you dug out back around your tomato.
6. Gently water in (I like to use a watering can), and I recommend you add a liquid seaweed/kelp fertilizer to the water.
7. You can go ahead and stake it now—it will be easier in the long run, and you can tie up the tomato as it grows. I like the single curly-Q stakes and stretchy plant tape to tie them up (Home Depot). (or google them for other sources :)

