Waltons Garden Center
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Grape Tomato (Generic)

Solanum lycopersicum 'Grape'



Grape Tomato (Generic) fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape

Description:

A perfect selection for small snack sized fruit; some varieties come in red, yellow and orange, adding pops of color to gardens; sweet and firm, they can grow up to 8 feet tall and require staking; perfect for appetizers, salads cocktails and snacking

Edible Qualities

Grape Tomato (Generic) is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces small clusters of red oval tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with gold overtones and red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid to late summer. The fruit will often fade to orange over time. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling
- Canning

Planting & Growing

Grape Tomato (Generic) will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be difficult to integrate into a landscape or flower garden, and is best grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Grape Tomato (Generic) is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.