East Bay Nursery

Little Bing Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum 'Little Bing'



Little Bing Tomato fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Determinate

Description:

A compact mounded variety perfect for patio containers or small gardens; producing small, round red cherry tomatoes all season long; well balanced flavor, great for salads, roasting, snacking; staking or caging to recommended but not necessary

Edible Qualities

Little Bing Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. This is a determinate variety, which means it bears a full crop all at once. The tomatoes have a pleasant taste and a juicy texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Little Bing Tomato will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. 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 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.

Little Bing Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.