East Bay Nursery

Bumble Bee Purple Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum 'Bumble Bee Purple'



Bumble Bee Purple Tomato fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Indeterminate

Description:

Vigorous indeterminate vine produces loads of delicious sweet and tangy fruit; crack resistant burgundy tomatoes with green striping are the perfect snack for all ages; great for sunny gardens or large patio containers; staking or caging is required

Edible Qualities

Bumble Bee Purple Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces small burgundy oval tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with green stripes which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. This is an indeterminate variety, which means it produces fruit throughout the growing season. The tomatoes have a tangy taste with a crisp texture and a distinctive fragrance.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Bumble Bee Purple Tomato will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 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.

Bumble Bee Purple Tomato 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.