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Green Door Gardens

Heirloom Tomato Varieties 2020

Green Door Gardens will not be open to the public this spring. However, we are taking orders for tomato plants, pepper plants & herbs. I will contact all customers at the beginning of May to arrange pre-payment and to schedule an appointment date and time for pick-up. Please submit orders via
Email: greendoorgardens@gmail.com or Phone: 519-670-8405

Thank you!

- 🍅 9588 Sinclair Drive, RR 1, Ilderton (south of Hwy 22)
- 🍅 Tomato plants are approx. 6 inches tall and priced at \$5 each
- 🍅 Visit www.greendoorgardens.ca for a selection of photos in the **Tomato Gallery**, as well as a map of our location
- 🍅 Tomato plants are grown in biodegradable pots and organically fertilized

Plants will be ready for pick-up

Wednesday, May 13 to Saturday, June 6
(by appointment only)

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CHERRY VARIETIES

SOLD OUT Black Cherry - Deep purple to mahogany-brown cherry tomatoes, 1 inch in size. An abundant producer, yielding loads of sweet flavoured fruit that is beautiful to mix with other cherry tomatoes. The plants are large and sprawling and are early producers.

SOLD OUT Blue Berries – a big producer with great taste, this variety bears clusters of almost black fruit, with a red-brown interior. High levels of anthocyanin. Disease and crack resistant.

SOLD OUT Brad's Atomic Grape – An elongated, multi-coloured tomato, with lavender and purple stripes when immature, turning to olive-green, red, and brown/blue stripes when fully ripe. Olive green interior is tinged with red. Don't be deceived by the wispy foliage – this is a highly productive plant, with an abundance of crack-resistant and very sweet fruit.

British Breakfast - A very prolific variety that is popular in the British Isles. Produces large oval cherry tomatoes that are very mild tasting.

SOLD OUT Camp Joy – a.k.a. **Chadwick Cherry**, is a compact plant bearing loads of 1-inch red, smooth fruit. Disease resistant. No staking required. A very early variety that suits **small gardens and planters**.

SOLD OUT Cherry Falls – A vigorous cascading variety that is ideal for **containers and hanging baskets**. Bears juicy, bright red fruit. Plants cascade 3 – 3 ½ feet and reach 6 inches in height.

SOLD OUT Currant, Red - A semi-wild relative of tomatoes known as 'teaspoon' tomatoes because they are so small. They originate from South America and have intense flavour and tiny fruit that is wonderful in a salad, or as a snack for children.

SOLD OUT Currant, Yellow – See description for Red Currant. A sweeter version of the same!

SOLD OUT Dark Tiger - one of the most attractive of the blue tomatoes. Bears large crops of 1" fruit, shaped like a fat pear with pronounced gold on red striping and indigo-blue shoulders. Described as tangy in taste, the fruit should be harvested when the top turns midnight black and the bottom dark red.

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SOLD OUT Gardener's Delight - The largest red cherry tomato that I offer, this variety bears red fruit that is slightly smaller than a golf ball and is loaded with sugary sweet flavour. Good yields in clusters of

6-12. *Grows well in pots.*

Green Grape - A productive bush tomato originally developed by the Tater Mater Seed Co. The 1-inch yellowish green fruits are borne in clusters that resemble grapes. They are delicious, juicy and mild and make a wonderful contrast in salads. When ripe the fruit has green shoulders and a golden/green flesh.

SOLD OUT JuJube – a red grape tomato that is the size and shape of a jumbo olive. Grows in long clusters and is perfect for snacking.

SOLD OUT Lemon Drop – My *favourite* yellow cherry tomato, this variety is juicy and low in acid. An early and vigorous producer with excellent disease resistance. Makes a lovely contrast in salads when combined with green, red and dark cherry tomato varieties.

SOLD OUT Peacevine – This small red cherry variety has a high level of gamma-amino butyric acid, a body sedative that calms jitters, lending to its name. In a study by Rutgers University, this variety was also found to have the highest Vitamin C content among 30 varieties of cherry tomatoes that were analyzed. A delicious variety on my '*Favourites*' list year after year.

SOLD OUT Peking Panda – for those who love Yellow Pear tomatoes, this earlier variety bears yellow pear-shaped fruit that is crack-resistant and also low in acid. The plant is bushier and more productive.

SOLD OUT Pink Bumblebee – A large and gorgeous pink cherry variety with attractive yellow and orange streaking on the outside. Elongated in shape and crack-resistant, the fruit has a wonderful sweet flavour and is very productive. A beautiful addition to salads.

Purple Bumblebee – A companion to Pink Bumblebee, this variety has a richer colour and beautiful brownish-green streaks.

Red Fig – Popular in America since the 18th century, this rare variety bears 1 ½ inch, pear shaped fruit. The fruit is considered sweet and tasty.

SOLD OUT Riesentraube – Pre-1856, this rare German heirloom, which translates as “giant bunch of grapes” grows in clusters of 20 – 40 one-inch fruit that has an interesting pointed tip. The tomatoes are red and mild-tasting and the plant is very bushy and productive.

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SOLD OUT Spoon – From Peru, this rare variety bears a large crop of pea-sized red tomatoes, with a bold taste. The sprawling, vigorous plants yield loads of fruit, excellent for snacking.

SOLD OUT Sunrise Bumblebee – This large oblong cherry tomato is a blend of reds and oranges, inside and out, and is sweet, juicy and fruity in taste. An excellent producer (and companion to Pink Bumblebee and Purple Bumblebee varieties).

SOLD OUT Vernissage Yellow – a variety that bears huge crops of golf ball-sized yellow fruit with light green striping and juicy sweet flavours.



SMALL TO MEDIUM VARIETIES

SOLD OUT Ailsa Craig - A heavy producer bearing small red fruit on 3-foot vines. Developed in Scotland in 1907 for the greenhouse trade, and performs very well in similar Maritime climates. *Great for limited space or pots.*

SOLD OUT Beaver Lodge – Very early. These smooth red slicers are 2- 3-inches in size, and have a robust tomato taste. The plants are **determinate**, bearing an abundant flush of fruit that covers the plant. Perfect for containers or hanging baskets.

SOLD OUT Black from Tula – this is one of the largest Russian heirlooms, from Tula. A midseason variety that bears 3-4 inch fruit that is somewhat flattened, and purple-black with deep green shoulders. Described as slightly salty, rich and smokey tasting.

SOLD OUT Black Sea Man – this Russian heirloom is a great early, black tomato. It is a **determinate** variety suited for mid-sized containers or a small garden. It produces a flush of mid-sized fruit that is a rich mahogany colour with olive green shoulders, and a deep reddish green interior. The taste is often described as complex and full-bodied, excellent for sandwiches and salads.

SOLD OUT Black Vernissage – This is a beautiful small tomato that has an iridescent greenish-red pattern on its skin. The fruit is fairly thick-skinned and tastes sweet and slightly smokey. An excellent contrast in salads, but can also be sliced. A fast-growing and heavy producer.

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SOLD OUT Black Zebra – A very unique looking fruit with tender and dark coloured flesh with jagged green striping. The foliage is very bushy and compact, ideal for small places. Identical to Green Zebra in growth habit but stronger tasting.

SOLD OUT Bloody Butcher – For juicy tomato lovers, this **very early** variety is loaded with clusters of two-inch red fruit on a compact plant. Suited for cooler growing regions.

SOLD OUT Bonny Best - A popular favourite that hails from 1908, produced by the Bonnie Plant Farm. This mid-season variety is a dual-purpose tomato that produces an abundance of smooth, round red fruit ideal for both eating and canning.

SOLD OUT Box Car Willie – Named for the singer Boxcar Willie (whose real name was Lecil Travis Martin) of the Grand Ole Opry, this variety bears slightly flattened, smooth, 10-16 oz red fruit on tall, vigorous plants. Well-balanced flavour and acidity make it ideal for canning, juicing and snacking. Produces well until frost. Disease and crack resistant.

SOLD OUT Clint Eastwood's Rowdy Red - Named after the famous actor, this variety was developed for disease resistance and intense flavour. The tall plant produces 2-inch deep red, round fruit with a subtle point on its end. It has firm, juicy flesh and plenty of acidity, ideal for cooking and canning.

SOLD OUT Dad's Sunset - Bears clusters of smooth, medium-sized, golden orange fruit on a very compact bushy plant. Slightly tart and juicy with small seed cavities and few seeds. Good disease resistance.

SOLD OUT Double Rich – From 1958, this variety is a medium-sized plant noted for two qualities, lending to its name - a very productive crop of heavy and meaty pink fruit, and twice the amount of Vitamin C as other tomato varieties. Crack resistant.

SOLD OUT Early Wonder – A **determinate** variety introduced by the Burgess Seed and Plant Co, in 1950. This is an extra-early compact variety that bears a generous crop of dark pink, smooth and round fruit. Perfect for shorter growing seasons, and **container** gardening.

SOLD OUT German Lunchbox - This vibrant pink tomato is the size of a small egg, and is described as 'sugar sweet'. Perfect for packing in lunches or adding to salads.

SOLD OUT German Red Strawberry – Bears large amounts of beautiful mid-sized, red fruit that is shaped like a large strawberry, 3 inches wide and slightly longer. The fruit is meaty and described as having a "copious amount of delicious, robust... flavour with a lingering sweetness".

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Glamour – a very popular mid-season variety. Bears strong, medium to large red, firm fruit with good taste and crack tolerance.

Green Zebra - Developed in 1985 by tomato breeder Tom Wagner, this is an unusual tomato. The 2-inch round fruit ripens to a yellow-gold with pale green zebra-like stripes. A great tomato for brightening up salads and other tomato dishes, with a very mild flavour. (Also see Black Zebra)

SOLD OUT Harbinger – Introduced in 1910 and favoured by tomato enthusiasts for its cold weather tolerance and very **early** yields. Bears small, smooth red fruit.

SOLD OUT Japanese Black Trifele – This pretty Russian variety bears fruit of a rich dark red that blends into green shoulders, and is shaped like a small pear. It yields excellent quantities of 6 oz fruit on a compact plant with potato leaf foliage. It is an attractive addition to the plate, especially when sliced and fanned out, drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with basil. Crack-resistant.

SOLD OUT Jaune Flammé – This heirloom from France bears abundant and early crops of deep orange, small fruit that is smooth, juicy and delicious. This has been a **favourite** at farmers' markets since the late 1990's and is excellent for fresh eating, roasting or drying.

Lime Salad – This variety bears small greenish-yellow fruit bursting with juicy, tart flavour, on a very compact plant. An excellent contrast in salads, and ideal for growing in pots or small gardens.

SOLD OUT Longkeeper – It is a real treat to be able to harvest tomatoes at season's end and know that you can continue to enjoy them for weeks. The fruit is 3-5 oz and bright red. Pick before frost when green or slightly blushed and set indoors on newspaper (or wrap individually). The fruit can last up to 3 months.

SOLD OUT Moneymaker – An incredibly reliable tomato from the 60's and 70's, this variety bears abundant clusters of small, round, red fruit. A rare old English heirloom that grows very well in hot, humid climates. Excellent productivity. Plant is very bushy and requires little staking. If you're looking for a hardy variety that provides a steady supply of tomatoes, this is it!

SOLD OUT Nyagous - A prolific, rare Russian variety and one of my **favourites**. The beautiful, flawless fruit is smooth and oblong, with brown-green shoulders that streak downward to dark red flesh. Exceptional sweet flavour with meaty flesh. A late variety.

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SOLD OUT Polish - A compact 3-4 foot plant that suits a standard tomato cage. It bears few branches but is loaded with beautiful red fruit that resists cracking and disease. Very productive and tolerant of wet weather.

Purple Calabesh – an unusual variety that has been called the ugliest tomato in the world. The small fruit is heavily ridged and pinkish. Its saving grace is its excellent flavour and ability to tolerate extreme drought conditions. Ideal ‘chunked’ into salads.

SOLD OUT Tigerella - A highly productive English variety that bears loads of 2-3 inch red fruit with pale greenish-yellow jagged stripes. Very mild tasting. Plant is bushy and doesn’t require staking. Attractive in salads.

Vintage Wine - This 8-10 oz fruit is pink with gold stripes. Delicious flavour and excellent in salads.



LARGE VARIETIES

SOLD OUT Aunt Ruby’s German Green - This fruit weighs up to one lb. and grows in clusters of 2 or 3. It is ripe when it turns light green with a hint of yellow, and has a greenish-pink interior. The fruit is meaty and juicy with a slightly acidic flavour, and has small seed cavities. A delicious tomato, and a beautiful contrast when combined with yellow and red varieties.

SOLD OUT Believe It or Not – This is a popular late variety that bears huge pinkish-red beefsteak fruit with tender, juicy, meaty flesh. A smooth-shouldered slicer with excellent flavour.

SOLD OUT Big Zac – A mid-season beefsteak described as one of the largest in the world, averaging 3 lbs! This variety was created by Minnie Zaccaria of New Jersey by crossing two heirloom varieties. It bears red, flattened fruit with an unusual irregular shape, on a sturdy plant that reaches up to 6 feet. Very tasty with a reputation for sweetness.

SOLD OUT Black Giant – This variety bears mild-tasting fruit with very little cracking. It has interesting green streaking on the outside as it ripens, and matures to a purplish colour with green shoulders and a greenish-pink interior. This is not a bushy plant, but it is a good producer with delicious taste.

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SOLD OUT Black Krim – Originally from the Isle of Krim on the Black Sea, this rare tomato produces large, maroon fruit with deep green shoulders. Well-loved for its intense flavour, it has been described as smokey or salty in taste and is an attractive slicer. The thin-skinned fruit is prone to cracking in wet weather and is best picked before it fully ripens. Late-bearing.

SOLD OUT Brandywine – Probably one of the most famous heirlooms, passed down from the Amish since 1885. Weighing up to 1 lb., this red beefsteak is ideal for slicing, salads and sandwiches. Not a heavy producer and bears late in the season.

SOLD OUT Cherokee Purple – a late variety believed to have come from Cherokee gardeners of Tennessee pre-1890. Cherokee Purple is a large, slightly ridged variety with a deep rose colour and grows on large vines. The flavour is considered rich and full, and a favourite of heirloomists.

SOLD OUT Delicious – this variety still holds the world's record of 7+ pounds for a single fruit! While this bright red, meaty beefsteak did not achieve these records in my garden, it's still worth a try and typically weighs in at 2 – 3 lbs.

SOLD OUT German Giant – A late-season beefsteak that produces a good crop of very large, 1 – 2 lb. deep pink fruit. Considered similar to Brandywine, but earlier. The fruit has rich complex flavours typical of the good old-fashioned tomatoes from our childhood.

SOLD OUT German Pink – Always on the search for an amazing beefsteak, this later variety originated in Bavaria and came to the US in 1883. The plants are potato-leaved and bear high yields of 1- to 2-lb fruit. Nearly seedless and meaty, the fruit is tender skinned with a full sweet flavour. Excellent for canning, freezing, slicing and juicing.

Gold Medal – This award-winning variety bears 1-lb slightly fluted, yellow and red fruit that is both juicy and sweet tasting. It is late-bearing, but a beautiful specimen of a bi-coloured tomato.

SOLD OUT Hawaiian Pineapple – A yellow-orange late season beefsteak with a beautiful fruit that grows up to 1-1/2 lbs. Described as having a "...luscious, very rich, sweet pineapple ..." flavour. Popular with chefs and markets.

SOLD OUT Henderson's Golden Ponderosa - This is one of my *favourite* yellow beefsteaks, introduced in 1914 by Peter Henderson & Co. The huge meaty fruit is mild tasting and juicy with low acid content. An excellent slicer.

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Hillbilly – A late producing variety that is said to originate from West Virginia. The fruit can reach 1 lb., and is a bright yellow with red marbling. A very attractive, sweet and mild-tasting slicer.

SOLD OUT Kellogg's Breakfast – This variety bears 1 lb., deep orange beefsteak tomatoes that are thin skinned, meaty and juicy. The fruit has few seeds and a fantastic sweet, tangy flavour. Juice and inside flesh have the same bright colour as orange juice. This variety comes from Darrell Kellogg, a railway supervisor from Michigan.

SOLD OUT Mennonite - A popular beefsteak with very small seed cavities. This is an excellent slicing tomato with orange-red flesh, meaty interior and wonderful sweet flavour. It is very disease resistant and tolerant of wet conditions.

SOLD OUT Millionaire – An old-time beefsteak from the Ozarks, where it was popular for over 70 years. Reputed to have an incredible flavour and fruit quality, that reminds one of the tasty, juicy tomatoes from childhood. The fruit is a beautiful coral-pink colour, and may be enjoyed fresh or for canning.

SOLD OUT Montreal Tasty – A smooth, large red slicer that grows well on compact vines and is great for planters or families with room for only one type of tomato.

SOLD OUT Mortgage Lifter - Also known as “Radiator Charlie’s Mortgage Lifter”, this variety was developed in West Virginia during the Great Depression. Charlie was an auto radiator repairman who had a radiator repair business at the foot of a steep hill on which trucks would often overheat. He charged \$1 a plant and paid off his mortgage of \$6000 in six years. Gardeners would drive up to 200 miles to buy his famous plants. The large pink fruit has a hint of saltiness and is very tasty – an excellent slicer on a highly productive and disease resistant plant.

SOLD OUT Mule Team – this “workhorse of a tomato” bears a dependable yield of 8-12 oz smooth red fruit. A great all-purpose tomato that is both sweet and tangy.

SOLD OUT Northern Lights – a 10 – 16 oz (4-inch) yellow-orange tomato with a red blush, and lightly ridged, slightly flattened fruit. Described as having “wonderful, intense, well-balanced fruity” flavours.

SOLD OUT Old Brook – one of the earliest tomatoes, this variety bears 1-lb smooth red fruit on long vines. Juicy and tart, the fruit is well-suited to home canning due to its high acidity. Resistant to blossom end rot and blight.

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SOLD OUT Solar Flare – This 6 – 10 oz beefsteak is red with beautiful gold stripes and has a very meaty flesh with a sweet red tomato flavour. Its strengths include flavour, productivity, earliness and scab resistance.

SOLD OUT Sunset's Red Horizon – This variety has huge, bright red, heart-shaped fruit that weighs up to 2 lbs. and is tender, meaty, and delicious. The plant is big but with wispy vines. Named by American tomato breeder and grower Gary Ibsen, this variety is actually native to Southern Russia. Proven resistant to frost, blossom end rot and cracking.

SOLD OUT Super Marmande – a scarlet-red variety that bears 10-16 oz fruit that is lightly ridged. Excellent for market production or canning, this variety is described as having a “full spectrum of delicious complex flavors”.

SOLD OUT Tennessee Britches – This is a family heirloom tomato that comes from Dresden, Tennessee. The name “Britches” is actually a nickname given to the daughter of a tomato enthusiast, who collected the seeds from the original family. The plants are tall and yield generous crops of ruffled, dark pink, 1 – 2-lb. beefsteak tomatoes with robust and excellent sweet flavours. Ideal for slicing into sandwiches or salads.

SOLD OUT Watermelon Beefsteak – This has been a favourite for 100 years, descending from a few mountain families in West Virginia, and was introduced to the market in 1958. The beefsteak fruit is 1- 2-lbs in size, pink with greenish shoulders and is slightly ridged. The flavour is described as “... loaded with deliciously rich, old-time tomato flavors.”

Zapotec Pleated – for the adventurous tomato enthusiast, you'll love the look of this one! The 10-16 oz pink fruit is deeply-pleated, resembling a gathered purse. The fruit is sweet tasting and hollow, ideal for baking, grilling or stuffing.



SAUCE VARIETIES

SOLD OUT Amish Paste - This heirloom from Wisconsin produces very large, heart-shaped, meaty fruit on lacy foliage. While not a heavy producer, the fruit is excellent for drying or sauces.

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SOLD OUT Grightmire's Pride – A very popular red paste heirloom of Yugoslavian descent. Not a heavy producer but bears larger fruit than Amish Paste, and is great for drying or sauces. An early variety that is very disease resistant.

SOLD OUT Martino's Roma – A tried-and-true sauce variety with very thick flesh and few seeds. A heavy and healthy producer.

SOLD OUT San Marzano – A mid-season, old Italian paste tomato that bears loads of small red 3-inch fruit on mid-sized plants. This variety is very popular for its abundance and crack resistance. Great for sauces, canning or drying.

SOLD OUT Sicilian Saucer - A flat, magnificently huge red tomato that reached up to 2 lbs. in my garden. It has thick flesh and attractive ridges, and is a juicy yet meaty tomato, excellent for sauces.