

# Compact Tomatoes, Compact Sweet Peppers, Compact Okra and Eggplants

Diminutive or dwarf sized vegetables are a great asset for small space gardening. Many popular vegetables such as tomatoes, eggplants, sweet peppers and hot peppers include compact varieties which, though small, still have lots of great flavor and nutrition. Herbs also often do well in small spaces, including all the basil varieties offered this year at the RBG Spring Plant Sale. Compact vegetables can be planted in garden borders, hanging baskets, patio pots or even indoor pots on the windowsill. Mix them in with ornamental plants for a beautiful and nutritious display. Like full-sized vegetables, these smaller versions need good soil with adequate moisture, and at least 6 hours of sun each day.

## Compact Sweet Peppers

*Capsicum annuum*

***Many of the sweet pepper varieties offered in the RBG Spring Plant Sale would do well in small spaces – try ‘Carmen’, ‘Cajun Belle’, ‘Cute Stuff Red’, ‘Mariachi’, ‘Golden Baby Belle’, ‘Mini Apple’, and ‘Miniature Chocolate Bell’. Additionally, most of the hot peppers and ornamental peppers are great for containers and small spaces.***

### **‘Pompeii’**

Type: 3-lobed bell

Color: matures from green to orange/red

Dwarf variety that produces medium-sized, blocky, sweet peppers. 18” plants are small enough to use in hanging baskets, pots and containers. High non-stop yields. 75 days

## Compact Okra

*Abelmoschus esculentus*

### **‘Annie Oakley II’**

Pods: 9” long green (pick when young)

Compact, spineless plant with huge yields, and early! Plant reaches 4½’ tall. Well adapted for northern climates, this hybrid produces pods that are tender and rich. 48 days.

### **‘Lee’**

Pods: 6” long green (pick when young)

This is a very compact okra! Heavy yields of full, rich flavored pods on spineless, 3’ tall plants. Has an unusual growth habit, with pods angling out from plant for easy picking. 50 days.

# Compact and Cascading Tomatoes

*Lycopersicon esculentum*

**Compact tomatoes are great for use in containers and small garden spaces. Cascading tomatoes save space by tumbling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. In addition to the following varieties, any of the grape or cherry tomato varieties offered at the RBG Plant Sale lend themselves well to being grown in a container or a small space.**

## **'Balcony'**

Type: Compact

Color: red

Size: 4 oz

These dwarf, 24" tall tomato plants fit perfectly into a small pot, while a large tub can fit 2-3 plants. Tasty and high yields.

68 days. (Determinate)

## **'Bush Big Boy'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 10 oz

This is the compact version of 'Big Boy', a variety known for high yields and sweet fruit.

It has a compact, bush habit that is ideal for patio tubs, or in the garden. 78 days.

(Determinate)

## **'Bush Champion II'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 12 oz

Big meaty tomatoes grow on compact 24" tall plants. Harvest lasts several months.

65 days. (Determinate)

## **'Micro-Tom'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: cherry

Known to be the smallest tomato variety; they are really tiny! Plant grows 5-8" tall and bears tiny, cherry sized tomatoes. Use in pots, window boxes, or garden borders.

80 days. (Determinate)

## **'Moby Grape'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 1 oz grape

Very sweet fruits are borne on a hybrid compact plant. Great for patio pots and other small spaces! 70 days.

(Determinate)

## **'Peardrops'**

Type: cascading

Color: yellow

Size: mini-pear

This compact plant has a beautiful tumbling habit, great for baskets! Tomatoes are very sweet and sharp. 55 days.

## **'Pot N' Patio'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 1" cherry

The compact bush habit of this tomato is perfect for patio pots. Tomatoes are tender, tasty, and crack resistant. 69 days.

(Determinate)

## **'Rambling Gold Stripe'**

Type: cascading

Color: yellow-gold with green stripes

Size: 1½ oz cherry

This variety is strongly trailing and great to put into a hanging basket or large patio pot. Tomatoes are sweet. 45 days.

(Determinate)

### **'Rambling Red Stripe'**

Type: cascading

Color: red with gold stripes

Size: 1½ oz cherry

This variety is strongly trailing and great to put into a hanging basket or large patio pot. Tomatoes are sweet. 45 days.

(Determinate)

### **'Tiny Tim'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 1" cherry

This dwarf variety produces heavy yields of fine flavored tomatoes in small spaces.

Produces all season. Plants grow 12" tall x 14" wide. Perfect for pots, garden borders.

45 days. (Determinate)

### **'Totem'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 1" cherry

More fruit than foliage! This flavorful cherry tomato variety has fruit that are borne on upright, compact bushy plants. Plants grow up to 1-2 feet. Use in pots outdoors or indoors on windowsills. 70 days.

(Determinate).

### **'Tumbler'**

Type: cascading

Color: red

Size: 1 ¼" cherry

Cascading habit was bred into this variety, with a bushy habit and flexible stems. Great for use in hanging baskets and patio pots.

Cherry-sized tomatoes are sweet and bright red. 45 days. (Determinate)

Type: cascading

Color: red

Size: cherry

This plant cascades 18" over the edge of containers, and only grows about 6" wide. Produces an abundance of sweet cherry tomatoes. Perfect for hanging baskets or containers. 70 days. (Determinate)

### **'Tumbling Tom Yellow'**

Type: cascading

Color: yellow

Size: cherry

This plant will cascade up to 24" over the edge of a container or hanging baskets. Sweet and prolific. 75 days. (Determinate)

### **'Tumbling Tiger'**

Type: cascading

Color: red-green striped

Size: 2 oz oval

Great tumbling habit perfect for baskets and pots. Dark green, heavy foliage protects tomatoes from sunscald. Heavy production. 55 days. (Determinate)

### **'Window Box'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 2½" elongated

Extremely compact and ornamental plant grows to 16" tall. High production of sweet, tangy tomatoes. 75 days. (Determinate)

### **'Window Box Roma'**

Type: compact

Color: red

Size: 3 oz roma

Compact plants are upright and thick-stemmed – great for containers. Roma tomatoes have great flavor and long shelf life. 70 days. (Determinate)

### **'Tumbling Tom Red'**

# Eggplant

*Solanum melongena*

***All eggplant varieties do well in appropriately-sized containers and smaller garden spaces. Some of the following varieties were bred to be especially compact.***

## **'Bambino'**

Color: dark purple oval

Size: 3"

Compact 12" tall plant produces "just right" sized eggplants. Very pretty, grow in containers with ornamentals. Cook on the grill or as kebobs. 45 days.

## **'Fairy Tale'**

Color: white with purple stripes

Size: 4 oz (can pick when smaller)

2005 AAS winner. Very ornamental! Petite, 30" plant produces miniature fruit that is sweet, non-bitter and has tender skin. Perfect size for container gardening. Marinate or grill whole. 49 days.

## **'Gretel'**

Color: white

Size: mini-size – pick when 3"-4" long  
2009 AAS winner. This compact plant produces loads of tender, bitter-free, glossy white fruits. 55 days.

## **'Hansel'**

Color: dark-purple

Size: 6"-10" (may be harvested at 3")  
2008 AAS winner. Plant grows to 18" tall and can be planted in small garden spaces. Fruit are non-bitter regardless of size. High yields over a long season. 55 days.

## **'India Paint'**

Color: purple with white streaks

Fruit size: 4" oval

Very ornamental! Heavy yields on 20" tall plants, these eggplants have superior taste and are great for grilling. Can be grown in the ground or patio containers. 70 days.

## **'Listada de Gandia'**

Color: white with lavender stripes

Size: 8" oval

French heirloom produces heavy yields of thin-skinned fruit with white inner flesh. Plants grow to 14" tall, and thrive in hot weather. 90 days.

## **'Pot Black'**

Color: Dark purple

Size: 2-3 oz

Bushy compact plants grow to 24" and look fantastic in patio containers. Tasty and adorable fruit! 60 days.

## **'Rosa Bianca'**

Color: Lavender and cream streaked

Size: 5" round

Italian heirloom with unusual beauty and excellent flavor. Very mild and creamy. Plant grows to 30" tall. 75 days.

## **'Round Mauve'**

Color: rose-pink

Size: 4" round

Compact plants with purple stems. Fruit is thin skinned and sweet -harvest when it's the size of a tennis ball. Good for container gardening. 85 days.

## **'Snowy'**

Color: white

Size: 7" long ovals

Plants grow to 30" tall. Pearly-white eggplants are creamy, fine textured and non-bitter. 60 days.

