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TOMATO DISEASE RESISTANCE

For best results choose tomato varieties that have been developed for disease resistance. Tomatoes are susceptible to several disorders that can significantly diminish yield or even destroy an entire tomato crop, but many hybrid tomato varieties are resistant to them. The disease identification codes shown below should be marked on the plant label or seed packet following the tomato's cultivar name.

Bear in mind that "resistance" is not equal to "immunity". In areas where disease problems have occurred in the past, even disease-resistant varieties may encounter some difficulty attaining full growth and production.

Abbreviation	Disease
A	Alternaria stem canker
F	Fusarium wilt
FF	Fusarium wilt (races 1 and 2)
FFF	Fusarium wilt (races 1, 2, and 3)
LB	Late blight
N	Nematodes
St	Stemphylium gray leaf spot
T or TMV	Tobacco mosaic virus
TSWV	Tomato spotted wilt virus
V	Verticillium wilt

For additional information, see University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Publication 8159, "Growing Tomatoes in the Home Garden", (anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8159.pdf).

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