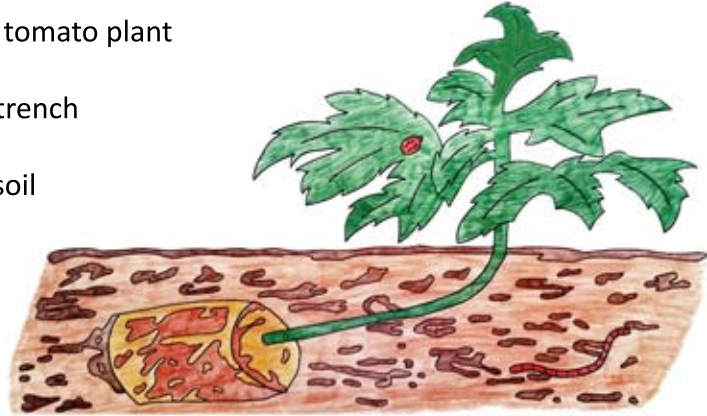


# Tomato Growing Tips

## Proper Way to Plant Tomatoes

1. Pinch off the lower leaves of the tomato plant
2. Dig a shallow trench
3. Lay the plant horizontally in the trench with the top turned up
4. Cover the plant with 2" to 3" of soil

*You'll get a sturdier plant as the stem underground will all grow roots!*



## Prevent Blossom End Rot

- Blossom End Rot is the dry, blackish bottoms on early ripening tomatoes.
- To prevent this, **mix 1/2 cup Bone Meal in the planting hole for each tomato plant.**
  - Be sure to mix it in the soil, and not just dump it in the bottom of the hole

## Tomato Blight Control

- Since tomato blight is a problem most years, we recommend using Fertilome Lawn & Garden Fungicide
- Spray weekly beginning mid-June to control blight
- Add 1 tsp. Plant Marvel 20-20-20 per gallon of spray solution to fertilize at the same time
- If you don't want to spray, try the Mountain Fresh variety that is blight tolerant

