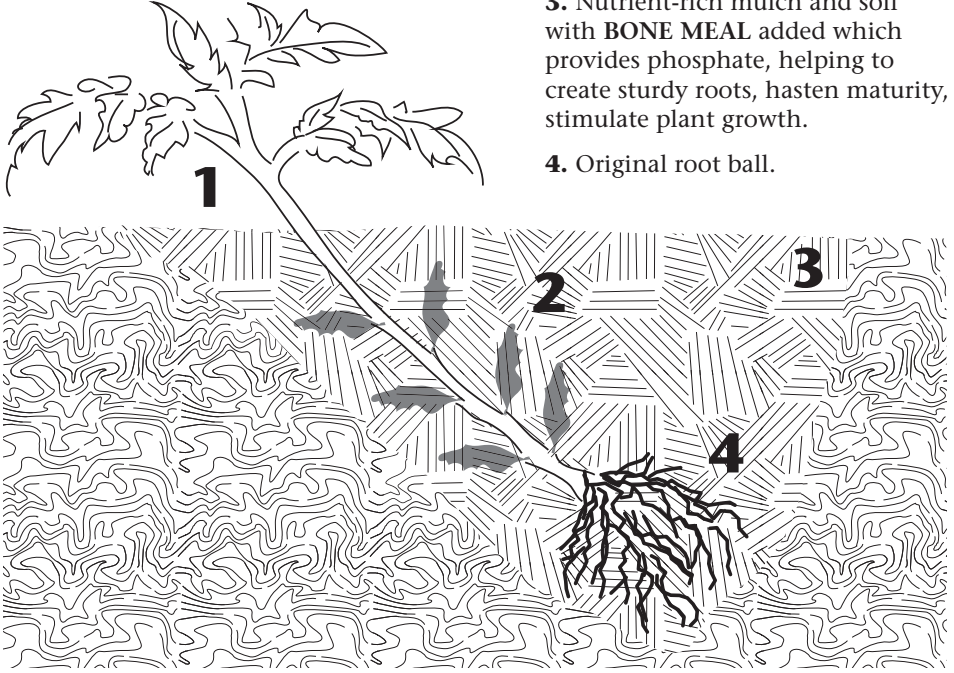


Growing Heirloom or Hybrid Tomatoes

1. Only top most leaf cluster is left.
2. First few tiers of leaves are removed to allow new roots and root hairs to grow.
3. Nutrient-rich mulch and soil with **BONE MEAL** added which provides phosphate, helping to create sturdy roots, hasten maturity, stimulate plant growth.
4. Original root ball.



If planting in a container and soil, make sure the soil is loose and fertile. Any container will do, but be sure to cover large holes inside the container to deter field mice, etc.

After it's planted, **cage or pole** to tie up the tomato for support. Then, **spread straw or loose organic material around the plant**, which will help hold moisture, prevent soil splatter, and prevent weeds.

The plants need sun, warmth, nutrients, mulch, water, and support to thrive.

Nutrients:

EPSOM SALTS for magnesium sulfate

EGG SHELLS for calcium

FERTILIZER for nitrogen, phosphate, and pot ash

Plant in a different place next year to prevent disease spread.



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