## EARLY SPRING OR FALL TOMATOES IN SAN ANTONIO

GROW THEM
SUCCESSFULLY
USING OUR BBPP
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BUY tomato transplants early to be sure you get your favorite varieties, and to start their growing process, but do NOT plant in the ground yet.

**BUMP** your tomatoes up to a larger container so they can grow a strong root system. Ex: 4" tomato transplants can get potted up in a gallon container. Allow to grow for about 4 weeks but don't plant in the garden yet.

PROTECT tomato transplants in spring by: growing them indoors in bright lit areas (or use the help of grow lights). PROTECT tomato transplants in fall by: giving them shade in the hottest afternoon sun. Place them in an area with filtered sun all day or morning sun/afternoon shade. Protect from damaging winds. Keep transplants well watered.

Keep frost protection handy in case of a late freeze. **PLANT tomatoes in fall:** when nighttime temps are consistently below 73°F; usually around Sept 1st - 15th. Tomatoes may still need some protection if afternoon temps are extreme. If you plant later than Sept 1st - 15th, a freeze could arrive before you get a harvest.

PLANT tomatoes in spring: by March 15th.