

TYING UP TOMATOES

Tie branches up throughout the growing season. You'll need to tie both determinate and indeterminate varieties **frequently**.

- Tying a knot beneath a branch prevents downward slippage.
- Do this gently and carefully. Don't pull the knots or the line very tight.
- Apply ties every 10 – 12 inches of growth.

Secure the stalk. Tie a string in a double knot around the support. Find a part of the stalk that is just beneath a branch. Tie a loose double knot around the stalk of the plant.

- For plants bigger than three feet, you can tie up a whole plant at once. Secure the end of a longer piece of twine to one of the lower branches. Starting at the bottom, circle the entire plant with string placing string at the strongest part of each branch. Wrap it through the support structure before moving upwards. Keep moving upwards, encircling the plant and working through the support structure. Finish by tying a knot at the top.
- As you wrap, place string at the strongest part of each branch, and wrap it around the support structure before moving upwards.

Tie up individual branches. Find the lower, beefy part of the branch which is below the fork. Wrap your tie around that part of the branch. Tying a knot beneath a branch prevents downward slippage. Reach your tie around the tomato's support system, and tie another double knot.

