

# GARDENERS SUPPLY COMPANY

## Tomato Success Kit

Our exclusive Tomato Success Kits have helped thousands of gardeners grow big crops of healthier, tastier tomatoes. The kit includes our patented self-watering planter with a 4-gallon reservoir; a tough, rust-resistant plant support cage that clips to the planter to prevent it from tipping; our exclusive Self-Watering Potting Mix and our GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer.

### Parts included

Self-Watering Planter with Reservoir Grill

(1) Fill Hole Inner Cover

(1) Fill Hole Outer Door

Tomato Cage Panels:

(2) Lower Side Panels with legs, wide

(2) Lower End Panels with legs, narrow

(2) Upper Side Panels, no legs, wide

(2) Upper End Panels, no legs, narrow

(24) Cage Clips

(8) Cage Braces

(2) Self-Watering Potting Mix (40 quarts)

(1) GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer (1 lb)

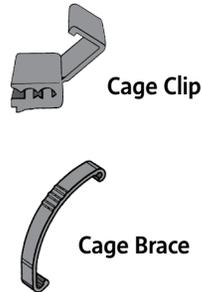
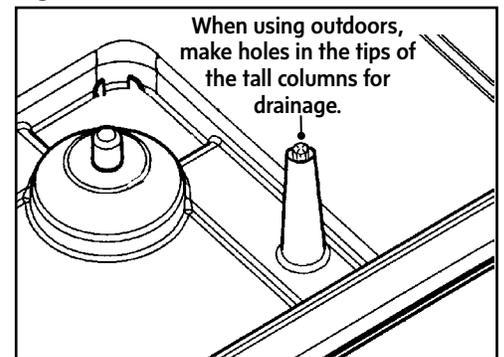


Figure 1



### Assemble the Planter

**Step 1.** Lift the Reservoir Grill out of the planter and remove the Fill Hole Inner Cover and Fill Hole Outer Door, where they are placed for shipping.

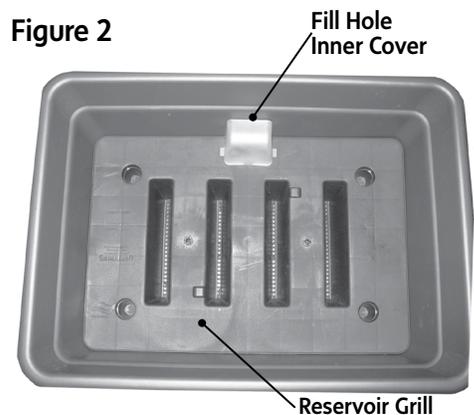
**Step 2.** The Self-Watering Planter is watertight so it may be used indoors.

**IMPORTANT!** If the Planter will be used outdoors, you must create holes in the drainage columns to allow water to drain out during heavy rains. To do this, locate the two tall, 1/2" diameter columns on the floor of the planter, under the Reservoir Grill (Figure 1). Use a knife to cut off the tops or use a hammer and nail to make a hole in the tip of each column.

**Step 3.** Put the Reservoir Grill back into the planter. Fit the Fill Hole Inner Cover into the opening in the top of the Reservoir Grill inside the planter. Two side tabs fit below and two tabs rest on top (Figure 2).

**Step 4.** To install the Fill Hole Outer Door, hold the Door as shown in Figure 3, right. Gently pinch in the sides of the Door and direct the bottom lip of the Door inside the Fill Hole opening, then release the sides as you set the Door into place.

Figure 2

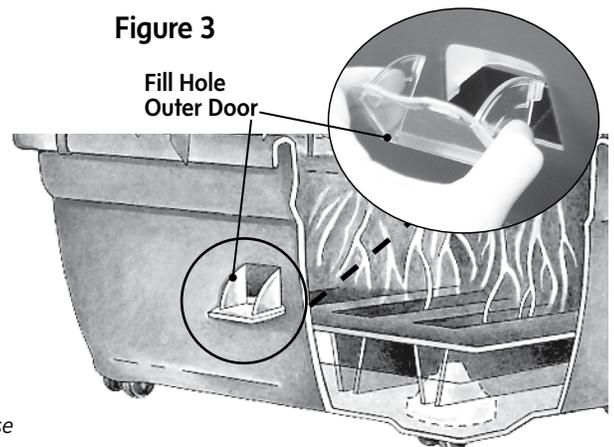


### Prepare the Planting Mix

**Step 5.** In a separate container, mix the two 20-quart bags of Self-Watering Potting Mix with the entire 1 lb. shaker can of GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer. Lightly moisten the mix.

**Step 6.** Pour a few inches of pre-moistened mix into the planter and press it firmly into the channels in the Reservoir Grill. This step is very important. The moistened mix will wick up water from the reservoir. Add additional mix, filling the planter to within 1" to 2" of the top edge.

Figure 3



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**Step 7.** Plant your tomato plants. We recommend one or two determinate tomato plant(s).

### Watering

**Step 8.** Water the plants from the top to make sure their roots are in good contact with the mix. For the first month, water plants from the top as needed, but do not fill the reservoir. If the reservoir fills with rain and the mix remains too soggy, tip out some excess water to avoid overwatering young plants. Overly soggy mix may compromise plant growth. **Caution:** The planter is heavy and may require two people to safely tip and hold the cage in place. Tilt the planter carefully so that water runs to one corner, but do not tip so far that soil mix shifts in the planter. It's not necessary to pour out all the water.

After the first month, fill the reservoir with water through the Fill Hole. If you experience extended periods of hot, dry weather, check the water level frequently — even daily — and keep it filled. If the soil dries out, refill the reservoir and water thoroughly from above to re-establish the wicking action.

### Assemble the Tomato Cage

**Step 9.** The Tomato Cage has an upper and lower section. The lower panels have legs, the upper do not. These sections may arrive partially assembled. If so, expand and adjust the Clips, as necessary, making sure they are secured at all corners of the Cage and match what is shown in Figure 4.

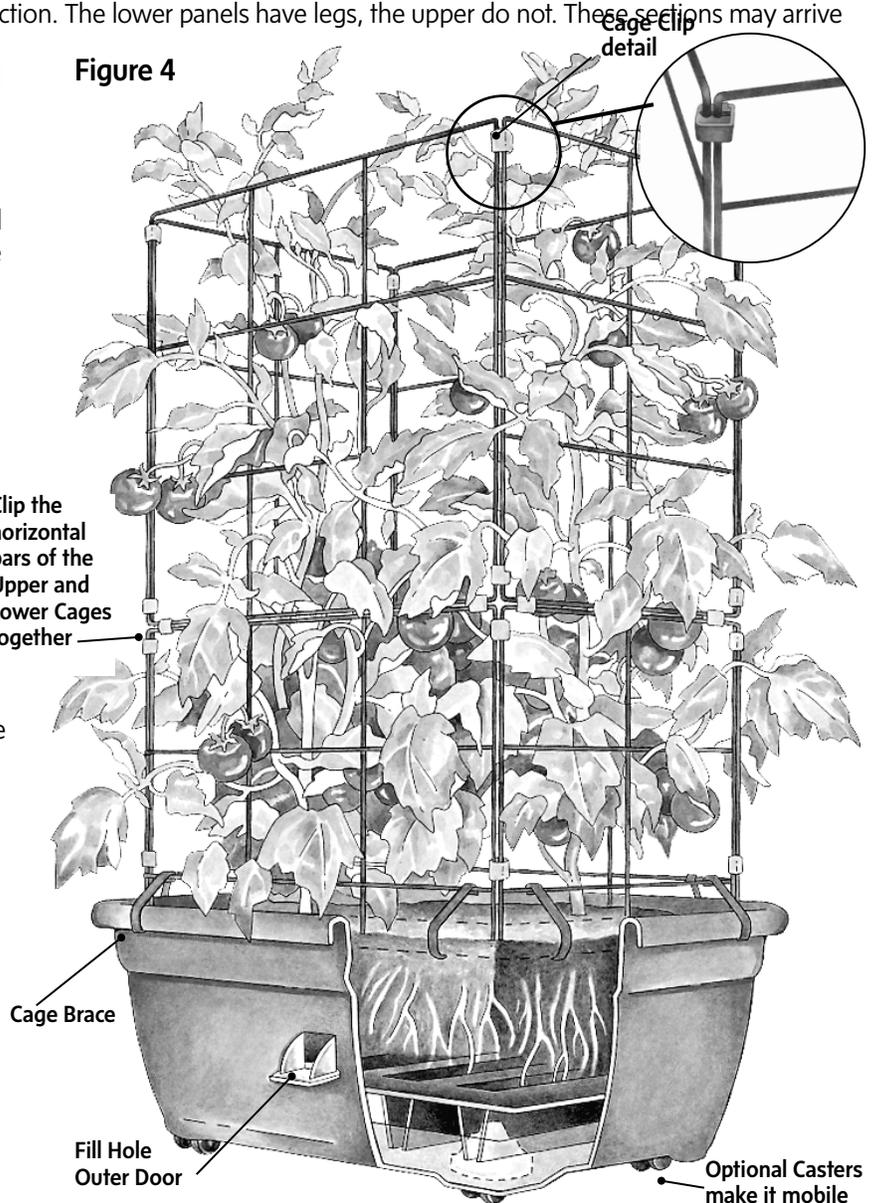
**Assemble Lower Cage** Use 8 Cage Clips to connect the two Side Panels and two narrow End Panels **with legs** to form a rectangular cage. Place the Cage Clips at the top of each corner and just above the lowest horizontal rung at each corner. Push the open side of the Clip onto the two bars and snap the Clip shut. (Figure 4)

**Assemble Upper Cage** Use 8 Cage Clips to connect the two upper Side Panels and two narrow End Panels **without legs** to form a rectangular cage. Place a clip at the top and bottom of each corner (Figure 4).

**Connect the Upper and Lower Cages** Clip the cages together, at the horizontal bars of each, using 2 Clips at each of the 4 corners where the horizontal bars meet. Make sure all clips are closed and secure. (Assembly requires all 24 Cage Clips.)

Push the Tomato Cage all the way into the soil in the planter. Secure the Cage to the Planter using the Cage Braces, placing two at each corner as shown (Figure 4). You're done!

Be ready for next season with a Tomato Success Kit Replenishment Kit, which includes 40 quarts of our Self-Watering Potting Mix and our GSC Organic Tomato Fertilizer.



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