

## Tomate Verde

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Simmer tomatillos for flavorful salsa verde.

**Culture:** Sow indoors in well-draining containers in early spring, 6 weeks before last frost. Keep the seedlings at 75–85°F during the day, cooler at night. Transplant to 3 in. pots when 3–4 true leaves develop. Harden off and transplant to the garden after average last frost. Protect with covers if frost threatens! Mulch thickly. Provide fertile, well-drained soil and even moisture. Days to maturity are from transplanting. Tomatillos may not yield in northern states.

**Harvest:** Most varieties fall to the ground when ripe; harvest large tomatillos like tomatoes.

**Seed Savers:** Self sows readily. To save seeds for home planting, isolate from varieties of the same species by at least 100 ft.

Soil  
Temp.  
60–85°F

Sowing  
Depth  
¼"

Final Plant  
Spacing  
24"

Final Row  
Spacing  
24–36"

Light  
Full Sun

Days to  
Emerge  
7–14

