## BACKINE ROOTS

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Self-Watering Planter** 



**Cherry Tomatoes** 

### **Everything included:**

Self-watering olla, organic soil, organic cherry tomato seeds, organic biochar, Jobe's® Organics® Fertilizer Spikes





#### **Plant seeds**

Remove lid and add 1 cup of water to soil (you will only do this once). Uncork olla and fill to the soil line with water. Recork.



Sprinkle 6-8 seeds evenly onto soil, staying away from the rim of the glass jar (save extra seeds for later). Then, push seeds ½" deep into soil and place jar in sunny window.



TIP

Tomatoes like to be warm! They're happiest in a warm room with lots of sunshine or under a grow light (available at backtotheroots.com).



#### WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts
Not for children under 3 vrs.





# Watering & Thinning

Refill olla when soil appears dry, looking at the side of the jar. This will be approx. once a week while plants are young, and will be more frequent as they grow.

After plants grow 2"-3", gently remove all but 3 seedlings. Once seedlings grow to 4"-5", use scissors to thin to 1-2 plants.





## Fertilizing & Pollination

When flowers appear (~6-7 weeks), push in one fertilizer spike just below the soil.

After multiple flowers appear, tap the base of the plant for about 30 seconds. This pollinates the flower, allowing fruit to grow.

Push in second spike when small tomatoes appear (~12 weeks).

TIP

To avoid damaging roots, add fertilizer spikes away from the stem of the plant.



Your tomatoes will grow to be the size of grapes, and will change from green to red on the stem! Tomatoes are ripe once fully red.