

Mortgage Lifter Tomato



**Heirlooms have all the flavor
that store tomatoes lack.**

- ***Lycopersicum 'Mortgage Lifter'***
- **Use:** This huge heirloom beefsteak (up to 4 lb.; average 2½ lb.) consistently wins taste-tests. Developed in the 1930s by a gardener who planted the four biggest varieties he knew and crossed one with pollen from the other three. He did this for six seasons and created a variety that produced immense, tasty fruit. He sold the plants for \$1 a piece and paid off his \$6000 mortgage in 6 years. Hence the name.
- **Exposure/Soil:** FULL SUN! Soak to depth of 6 to 10 inches when watering. They need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight a day. Tomatoes hate red clay so use a good soil such as our peat mix.
- **Growth:** Grows 36" tall and 36" wide or more depending on type. Plant tomatoes 2"-3" deeper than current soil line for a sturdy plant.
- **Hardiness:** 9-11, annual, houseplant. 80 days from seed to ripen.
- **Foliage:** Small, lacy leaves.
- **Fruit:** Indeterminate; The large, slightly flattened, pink-red fruits that range from 1 pound to more than 3 pounds, are meaty, very flavorful and have few tomato seeds.