

A Volunteer Tomato Plant Brings Joy and Inspiration to a Loyal Friend and Longtime Believer in Microsoil®



This testimonial merits a “tee up”. Jim Swartz has been a close friend and loyal believer of MicroSoil® for over 15 years now. He has battled throat cancer for about the last 10 years, but most importantly, he has the best attitude and outlook toward life anyone could have, under these conditions. For us, it is wonderful just to have someone like him in our lives, who continues to fight cancer, but has the interest & foresight to recognize a “spark” of life in an old tomato plant. Then he finds the energy to help provide it with the 12-year-old MicroSoil® & PureFulvic™ Trace Minerals and, of course, a needed nitrogen source using MiracleGro®, which we have routinely recommended to those with no organic nitrogen available. We appreciate Jim remembering us and our MicroSoil® products these past 15 plus years. **Don D. Haller**

Below is the Email I received July 17, 2015 from Jim Swartz.

Hi Don, I always enjoy your newsletters and am still hoping I can get to LV to see you. I have a little story to tell you.

Last year a neighbor, who knows I love tomatoes, bought me 3 different plants. I told her I was not sure I would be able to care for them. She said no worry, whatever happens is OK. I did water them but when I went to see my son for 10 days the neighbor who was supposed to water them didn't do a good job. They didn't recover and produced poor fruit the rest of the year. Also the cat was using the area as a litter box, and had something to do with that. Come December, I had another neighbor cut them off at ground level because they were almost dead from lack of care, because I quit watering them in November.

Come mid-February. I noticed some growth from one of the plant's root stalk. I started watering the plant and didn't start feeding it until it started to show budding in March. I covered the soil with chicken wire to keep the cat out and added a hoop tomato stand. I was just giving it MiracleGro® about every 2 weeks. When I started to see the tomato's growing I added about a teaspoon of MicroSoil® every time I fertilized. (By the way, the MicroSoil® quart bottle is labeled "2003 source, Adam Drum".) The only watering I do is by pouring about 2 to 3 gallons, every other day, to a 2 ft. sq. area around the original growth. This area is dammed to prevent the water from spreading and producing weeds. I am also watering only in this small area because the plant sprouted from the buried stem and I wanted maximum penetration to this root. I don't know exactly when, but I think about 6 weeks ago I started adding a small squirt, from the trace minerals bottle, every time I fertilize. My only regret is I did not save the tag to know what kind of tomato it is but I know it is a low acid beefsteak type. I am getting so much more fruit this year, all better size, flavor, more uniform color and the plant is HUGE.



I have attached a photo history, which is impressive to me. I have seen how great your products are, over the years, and this is just another example of this. I have never seen a tomato cut off at ground level and start sprouting several months later. This plant is showing no sign of slowing down. **Kindest regards, Jim Swartz**