# Enhance Tomato Growth with Homemade Fertilizer Recipe by Monty Don



**Homemade Fertilizer Recipe for Bigger and Tastier Tomatoes by Monty Don**

Tomatoes are popular among home gardeners but require high nutrient levels for optimal growth. Monty Don, a gardening expert from BBC’s *Gardener’s World*, offers a simple homemade fertilizer recipe to enhance tomato growth using comfrey, a common garden plant rich in essential nutrients like potassium and calcium.

**Ingredients:**
- Comfrey leaves
- Large waterproof bucket with a lid
- Large stone
- Plastic bottles (e.g., old milk bottles)
- Watering can

**Method:**
1. Pick comfrey leaves, strip away the flowering stems, and chop them into small pieces.
2. Place the chopped leaves in a waterproof bucket.
3. Pour water over the leaves and cover the container with a heavy lid.
4. Let it sit for three weeks until the mixture forms a brown liquid.
5. Decant the liquid into plastic bottles and store them in a cool, dark place.
6. When ready to use, dilute the solution with water at a 1:10 ratio and apply it to your tomato plants using a watering can.

This method provides an eco-friendly fertilizer and boosts tomato yields, although comfrey’s pungent smell during decomposition should be noted.

**Deterring Slugs in the Garden**

Alexandra Campbell from *The Middlesized Garden* suggests practical tips for keeping slugs away from gardens. Watering plants in the morning can reduce slug activity as they thrive in wet conditions. Additionally, planting slug-resistant flowers and herbs like lavender, hydrangeas, and daylilies can serve as a natural deterrent.

Another method involves using beer traps:
- Fill a small container with beer and bury it flush with the ground.
- Slugs will be attracted to the beer and subsequently drown.

These techniques offer effective, chemical-free solutions for protecting plants from slug damage during the summer months.