





Plant Tycoon Strategy Guide

The **Tutorial Mode** offered at the beginning of the game will guide you through early game play. Tips will also appear each time you open the game. While you can play *Plant Tycoon* as much as you like, it doesn't require constant play. *Plant Tycoon* runs in **real-time**, meaning that your plants will grow even when your computer is off or you are not playing the game. You can adjust the game speed to fit your schedule, but don't forget to check back often to care for your plants and see what surprises await you! If you plan to be away from your computer for several days, you will want to go to the Main Menu and select **Options**, then select **Pause**, so that your plants will not suffer from neglect while you are away.



Overall Strategy Hints: (No spoilers.)

- The game's beginning soil is suitable only for the common plants.
- Cross-pollinating different species produces increasingly valuable, but more fragile, hybrids.
- Better soil will be required to support the more expensive and fragile hybrids. When you upgrade your soil, the benefit to your plants is immediate.
- If your plants are steadily losing health, they are too fragile for the soil they are planted in. Try growing common plants until you can upgrade your soil.
- If you forget which seed you planted in a pot, double click the pot to produce an image of the seed that was planted there.
- Breed and sell plants to build your cash, so that you can buy improvements from the Gardening Supplies shop.
- Pruning can improve a plant's health and value, as well as make it sell faster. Removing dead leaves, revealing obscured flowers and improving a plant's shape all require pruning. Be

careful, though, since pruning cannot be undone.

- Infested plants cannot be pollinated, and they may be damaged if the infestation goes untreated for very long. Infested plants should be treated promptly.
- Seeds in the Gardening Supplies shop are restocked and/or replaced every 24 hours.
- Magic Plants are found in each tier of rarity. Every time you discover one, a small popup will appear, describing the special properties of this Magic Plant, and it will be displayed in your Nursery.
- Using chemicals, especially Mutation Liquid, can speed up your breeding program.
- If a pollinated plant dies, you may still be able to harvest its seeds.
- Clicking on the faucet on the Main screen (greenhouse) produces random, helpful tips for success in the game.
- You can determine how well you have priced your plants by how quickly they are selling. If they are selling rapidly, you should increase the price. If sales are slow, try reducing the price.
- Plants will sell faster and command higher prices in an improved nursery.
- Plant variety does not affect sales, but the number of plants for sale will.
- Upgraded nets make bug-catching easier. Bug collecting is an optional part of the game.



Step-by-step guide to a successful start in Plant Tycoon: (No spoilers.)

The secret to a successful start is patience! You need to breed and sell common plants until you have enough money to purchase the better soils that will support the more fragile hybrid plants. There are a lot of 'nice-to-have' things in the game, but don't purchase them until you have gotten a good start and are producing enough money. Pay attention to the prices you are getting for certain plants and pick the ones that are the most lucrative to breed and sell. Even in the beginning of the game, there are common ones that will produce cash faster. If you spend too much money on the wrong things, your plants will die and you'll have no money left to buy seeds and supplies (that's when you have to start all over with a new game).

To get a very successful start in Plant Tycoon:

Plant the 4 seeds that you find in you Seed Tray, as well as the 4 seeds in your Seed Storage screen. Go to the Gardening Supplies shop, buy the 3 common seeds, and plant them.

Wait for the plants to mature. You can use the initial supply of growth chemicals to speed the growth of your first plants.

When the plants are mature, self-pollinate the most valuable plants to produce more seeds for those plant species. It's a good idea to self-pollinate the other plants and save the resulting seeds to use later, when you want to expand your breeding program. After you harvest all of the seeds that are produced, sell the parent plants.

If any of your plants get infested early in the game, it's usually better to trash them instead of spending money on insect poison. Each dose of poison can cost more than the plant is worth. Treat only plants that are worth the cost of the poison.

If you like, you can experiment with cross-breeding one or two plants to see if you can get some seeds that will grow well in the starting soil, but you need to primarily breed plants that you know will survive and produce money. It's a good idea to plant only one of a new kind of seed to make sure that it will thrive in the soil you have. If not, you can save the other seeds for later, when you have better soil.

Soil upgrades are the most vital purchase in your quest for the rarer and more valuable plants. Continue to plant, grow, and self-pollinate your money-makers until you have enough money to purchase the Bio-organic Soil. This soil will allow you to grow more fragile hybrids and experiment more effectively with cross-pollination.

Once you have sufficient cash and Soil from Isola, you can freely cross-pollinate any plants in your greenhouse and begin experimenting with the chemicals in the shop. Many of those chemicals can greatly speed your quest for the Magic Plants of Isola!

