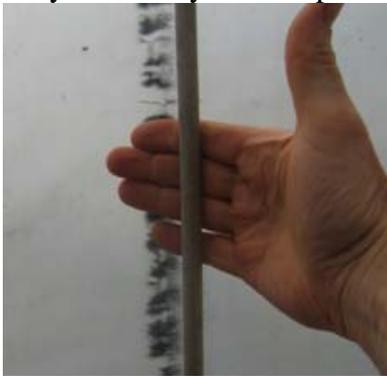


DICK'S GREENHOUSE: My 89 year old neighbor has build a much larger greenhouse than me. He is 89 years old and still going strong. It must from breathing all that wonderful extra oxygen that is inside a greenhouse during the day. Then he sells tomato plants for \$5 each. People come from miles around to buy his tomato plants. He keeps his greenhouse heated in the winter so he can start the plants really early. That is fine for a hobby, but that of course would cost more than buying the tomatoes in the store in the first place, if you have to heat a big greenhouse for 3 or 4 months.



He built his out of 1/4 inch aluminum rods He got the rods from Boeing's surplus sale. But you can buy them at places like Home Depot as well



However you don't have to make yours as big as he did.



He covers it with commercial 4 mill plastic that will last 20 years



He mostly uses his greenhouse to grow starter plants for his garden. These seeds were started in Feb and now on May 15th they are ready to go outside. If you have a very big garden, raising your own bedding plants can save several hundred dollars over buying them from the store each year at \$1.50 per plant for little ones, and if you buy plants as big as his, they are at least \$5 per plant. Doing that doesn't take long to get to \$100 buying starter plants, and that pays for all the cost of your greenhouse every year right there.....



Here is one of his amazing tomato plants he started in Feb. This picture was taken May 19th. His plants are 4 or 5 times as big as the ones at the nursery right now. The reason for the success of his tomatoes in your garden is that the plants were so big starting out in May. His plants in May look like the ones we have in our garden by late June. (I put my hand there so you could see how big they are)



And when he plants them outside, he does that same method mentioned on my gardening page where he cuts all the leaves off except the very top ones then lays it down so all the stem is under ground. (you can see illustrations of that method on the gardening page) Then that stem turns to all roots . He plants them out in the regular garden by his tomato trellis. This trellis is 8 feet tall. They grow all the way to the top. He gets over a bushel of tomatoes from each plant. He only lets one vine grow up the trellis. He trims all the suckers off so they don't grow.



He has such an amazing garden, and what a wonderful neighbor and friend he is too... He is the one who got me started on building greenhouses. Thank you for that Dick.