



# World's Biggest Food Fight

Events during the days before the fight include a paella contest near the town's square, tomato fireworks, and different music bands and parades around the medieval city center.

During this effort, other celebrants sing and dance in circles, and all participants are doused with water from hoses.

*La Tomatina* is a festival that is held in the Valencian town of Buñol, in the east of Spain, in which participants throw tomatoes and get involved in a tomato fight purely for entertainment purposes.

On Wednesday morning, the first event before the tomato battle is the "Palo Jabón", centered on a long-greased pole with a piece of ham at its top.

Once the ham falls, the tomato battle commences.

The authorities seem more concerned with cleaning the town than cleaning the visitors, so some people find water at the Bunol River to wash themselves, although some kind residents will hose passers-by down.

On the last Wednesday of August, during a week filled with festivities, thousands upon thousands of people make their way from all corners of the world to fight in this '*World's Biggest Food Fight*' where more than one hundred metric tons of over-ripe tomatoes are thrown in the streets.

Usually, the fight lasts for about one hour.

The goal is for participants to climb the pole and make the ham drop, which requires them to climb on each other.

The cleaning process involves the use of fire trucks to spray down the streets, with water provided from a Roman aqueduct.

At this point, no more tomatoes can be thrown.

Once the tomato pulp is flushed, the ground is clean due to the acidity of the tomatoes.