

The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest (Regional Vegetable Gardening Series)

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There is nothing more regionally specific than vegetable gardening. What to plant, when to plant it, and when to harvest are unique decisions based on climate, weather, and first and last frost.

The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening: Pacific Northwest is a growing guide that truly understands the unique eccentricities of the Northwest growing calendar, covering Oregon, Washington, southeastern Alaska, and British Columbia. The month-by-month format makes it perfect for beginners and accessible to everyone—you can start gardening the month you pick it up. Starting in January? The guide will show you how to make a seed order, plan crop rotations and succession plantings, and plant a crop of microgreens. No time to start until July? You can start planting beets, carrots, chard, kale, parsnips, and spinach for an early fall harvest.

Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest are lucky indeed. Ample rainfall, good soil, and moderate temperatures grant us a long and hospitable growing season capable of yielding an ever-changing menu of seasonal and hyper-local food. But how do you maximize that brief summer heat so your tomato dreams can come true? Which month should you sow the carrot or beet seeds? And come October, how can you make all those raked leaves work for you?

In this straightforward and encouraging book, Lorene Edwards Forkner answers these questions while covering the many eccentricities of gardening in western Washington and Oregon, and southern British Columbia. Monthly planting guides show exactly what you can do in the garden from January through December. The skill sets go beyond the basics with tutorials on seed saving, worm bins, and more. This book also includes a comprehensive gardening primer and an A to Z of edibles—a detailed, invaluable source for the region's tried-and-tested varieties.

Rain or shine, peas or potatoes, this is your guide to producing a bountiful, year-round harvest in the Pacific Northwest.

Lorene Edwards Forkner is the author of several gardening books, including *Hortus Miscellaneous*, *Growing Your Own Vegetables*, and *Canning and Preserving Your Own Harvest*. Her writing has appeared in several national and regional publications including *Organic Gardening*, *MaryJane's Farm*, *Northwest Garden News*, and *Edible Seattle*. Supported by a degree in fine art and years of experience owning and operating Fremont Gardens, a specialty retail nursery in Seattle, Washington, Lorene is a popular speaker, eager to weigh in on horticultural mysteries, offer direction for design conundrums, and teach DIY gardeners.

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