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Organic Gardening In Cold Climates





Synopsis

For more than thirty years Sandra Perrin has gardened year-round in Montana, learning to adapt to cold weather. Consumer demand encouraged her to update this popular gardening book, adding new hardy varieties and time-tested hints. Among other things, you will learn how to store carrots in the ground for winter harvesting, fry zucchini &flowers, and ripen green tomatoes. So get ready to dig! Organic gardening is not only healthy for the body but also, in Perrin's words, "good for the soul."

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"Perrin provides plenty of down-to-earth advice on growing vegetables and herbs without chemicals. She also gives practical information on planning and preparing a site, starting seeds indoors, tending plants, and harvesting the crop. Included are special sections on companion planting, composting and pest control." Lauren Bonar Swezey, Sunset --Lauren Bonar Swezey, Sunset

Sandra Perrin's passion for gardening started at a young age on a farm near Toulouse, France, where her father taught her how to grow vegetables. She has been living and gardening in Montana since 1969.

I read through this book in the bath tub one night and could barely wait for the snow to start melting

to begin my garden. So informative for new gardeners. I live in Alaska and know things take a lil more effort here to get things growing so any tips are appreciated.Chapters:Planning you GardenPreparing your soil (very helpful!)Planting in Cold ClimatesTending your gardenHarvestingFruit and Vegetable SeedsHerbs in your GardenAs you can see by the chapter titles,this book doesnt skip anything!

I've yet to put my cold climate gardening skills to test, but am so happy to find this wonderful book to get me prepared!From preparing your organic soil to storing your harvest, this book has it all and I can't wait to put it to test next Spring.

I bought this book because I am planning on relocating from Georgia to Montana. I am so glad I did. The variety recommendations and planting date estimates will be a Godsend for me during my relearning of everything I know about gardening!

Very interesting read when trying to grow in areas with short seasons

Will serve us well when we build our garden in Palmer later this year. Well written an very informative book.

The absolute best book on high altitude gardening! Of course it can go farther if they would want to revise it.

The thing that struck me most strongly about this book was the common-sense approach the author uses. This isn't some idealistic "greenie" trying to further her cause; but a woman who has spent her entire life caring for the soil and garden that feeds her and her family. The sections on companion planting and rotation are invaluable for anyone attempting to reduce pests and disease in their garden without using pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. The fact that these methods also tend to increase your harvest yield is just a happy coincidence! One of the most distinctive differences with this organic gardening book is that it focuses on cold climates, in some cases even very cold climates, where we don't have the luxury of a long growing season or temperate winters. It's easier to be organic when you have 180+ days in your growing season and you don't have to worry about your compost pile freezing... it's a little more difficult when your "guaranteed" season is more like 60-90 days, and it gets so cold and for long enough that the ground freezes solid (not just your

compost pile).By far, this is one of the best organic gardening "primers" I've read, the fact that it focuses on latitudes north of 40 is a special treat. Just the right amount of information to get you thinking and growing without being proscriptive.

In this newly revised and expanded edition of Organic Gardening In Cold Climates, gardening expert Sandra Perrin draws upon her more than thirty years of experience gardening year-round in Montana to teach aspiring gardeners in the upper states of the U.S. and the provinces of Canada how to adapt to cold weather and early frosts when raising their garden vegetables. There are special sections devoted to "companion planting", season extenders, composting, natural pest and disease control, and "French Intensive Gardening". Every aspect of gardening in a northern climate is clearly addressed from planning the garden, to preparing the soil, to planting, to tending what has been planted, and harvesting. Enhanced with chapters devoted to fruit and vegetable seeds, growing herbs in a garden setting,, gardening and therapy, a listing of seed companies, and a bibliography of useful literature, Organic Gardening In Cold Climates is the perfect instructional reference for the novice gardener in a colder climate.

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