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Golden Gate Gardening, 3rd Edition: The Complete Guide To Year-Round Food Gardening In The San Francisco Bay Area & Coastal California



Synopsis

The bible of vegetable gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area has been revised and updated! Packed with more than 400 pages of reliable information, Golden Gate Gardenin offers encyclopedic coverage of gardening principles and practices specific to the Bay Area and the Northern California coast. Author Pam Peirce explains strategies for growing common favorite vegetables and herbs, plus unusual ones that bring variety to the garden. She includes information on organizing a garden, dealing with pests, assessing a microclimate, cultivating fruit trees, gardening on a rooftop, harvesting the crop, and creating delicious gardener's dishes. This third edition also contains new or updated information on resources for specific seeds, tomato planting, organic gardening, and vegetables not included in previous editions, including amaranth, shell beans, Chinese broccoli, broccoli raab, Florence fennel, oca, okra, and quinoa. Charts, sidebars, maps, and online resources help make the vegetable gardening experience easier and more fun.

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This book tells me almost everything I need to know to start my first vegetable garden, from planning my garden to dealing with pests. I can't imagine a better all-around book for gardeners who live in the Bay Area or California coast. The information is all specific to local micro-climates, with no space wasted on information that is not relevant in this part of the country. My only criticism is that I would have left out the handful of recipes scattered in the book.

Michael Pollen was right. If you buy one book for gardening in the bay area, buy this one. It is all you need. It shows when to plant what vegetables with a very easy to follow visual chart. It explains in detail the hows and whys of vegetable gardening. We are starting a small farm, and I would be lost without this book. I am constantly referring back to it for information. I cannot disagree more with the fellow who gave it one star and said it was a disorganized mess. Many of us in the gardening community swear by this very well organized, detailed and informative book. It is my vegetable gardening bible!

I picked up this book as a beginning gardener in San Francisco, and it helped me set up my garden and successfully bring a huge crop to fruition my first summer. I had a few other gardening books that I picked up at the same time, and realized by the end of the season this was the only book I was referring to. The Bay Area has such a unique climate and growing conditions, I found myself not being able to trust the information I was getting out of the other books. I needed information about fog, not frost! The other Bay Area-centric books just didn't have the information laid out in a way that was very organized, and I found myself not using them very much. I feel the book is organized into chapters that make sense, and the descriptions about each vegetable and herb are very helpful. There is a lot of information, but it isn't overwhelming, even for a very curious beginning gardener. Ten years later, I'm still discovering new parts of the book as my knowledge increases. The parts of the book I use the most and have bookmarked for easy reference? The planting calendar, which has all the veggies laid out in an easy to read chart to show when you can (and when you could try) to plant each crop. I use this every year without fail. Also, because I'm a container gardener in a good portion of my yard, the "how deep does it need to be" section is super helpful when I'm trying to figure out what I can plant in each container. Great book, highly recommended!

The gardening information is fantastic; I am getting a home gardening up and running based on the author's advice. I only wish I had purchased the paper copy instead of the ebook. The ebook really fell short of my expectations. For example, the index does not have clickable links and no page numbers are listed! There were several other issues with charts and side bar items that made me wish I had purchased a physical copy.

I've been waiting for this book since Dec 2009 from the great reviews of the earlier edition. A great book for the beginner and experienced. This is mainly for veggies, but does go over some native

plants, pests, sun and climate, and recipes. This guide is a great read and highly recommended.

Chock full of details about when to plant, harvest etc. for the San Francisco Bay area. Soooooo helpful. Great reference as well as explaining various things in great details that make sense and are easy to understand.

For people gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area the problem with most gardening books is that they are too generic or geared toward a climate that is totally different than ours. We have moderate weather all year long that poses certain benefits and problems for the vegetable garden. This book is the answer. In addition to discussing the unique traits of Bay Area vegetable gardens it gives detailed guidance on pretty much any plant you would want to put in your vegetable garden and how to solve the specific problem we encounter in this part of California. If you want to keep your garden producing all year long this book will really help you do it.

I've grown vegetables for years, but California coastal gardening is different from the rest of the country - so seed packet information rarely fits. This book is an incredibly good reference for our area. There are accurate charts of what to grow when, and recommendations on the best varieties for coastal crops, along with a wealth of sensible advice. Highly recommended if you live and garden in the coastal zone.

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