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Whether you're a seasoned gardener determined to increase crop yields or starting your very first vegetable garden, the *Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook* will help you manage your schedule and prioritize what's important. Detailed weekly to-do lists break gardening down into simple and manageable tasks so that you always know what needs to be done and when to do it, from starting seeds and planting strawberries to checking for tomato hornworms and harvesting carrots. Enjoy a bountiful harvest with this organized and stress-free approach to gardening.

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Dawn says

I am going to wear this book out. I have it now on the current week and will check off the current tasks. And I'll do it until the book falls apart. i should probably buy a few more copies to have as backup!

Penny says

My new backyard came with a pile of a dirt I intend to turn into my own vegetable garden. I grabbed 3 books from the library about gardening and this happened to be the first I read. My review is coming from someone with little experience outside of potted plants. This book had me super impressed and inspired to just go for it. Grow those veggies! The book guides you in finding your area's last frost date and sets you up with a well-thought-out plan for the pre and post frost season. The inside pages are an easy to skim, 3 columns of body type, black and white photos, journaling pages, diagrams as well and some stand alone special sections. Nearly every tip offered was something new to me, being that I'm a complete beginner. I really liked how a lot of the advice centered around making due with what you have rather than wasting money on tons of specialized equipment. There's a lot packed in this book. From what to grow (even suggestions of specific veggie names), when to grow it, and how to grow it, this book filled me with confidence!! Let's hope it fills my garden with great grub too!!

May says

Very informative but light-hearted and funny. Includes areas to write in dates relevant to your planting zone and make some notes. I also really liked the fact that all of the pest management and fertilizer tips were for a more organic rather than chemical-based approach to gardening.

I have not actually followed their plan yet so I don't know how well it works in terms of getting plants in the ground and getting good harvests, and it's a bit late this year, but I'm looking forward to using their plan next year--particularly with regard to the stuff that needs to be done before the average last frost date. I usually forget until the weather starts to be nice and by then I've missed my chance to get a really good start on the growing season.

Kasandra says

I picked this up at the library, but after reading it, I'm going to have to get a copy for my reference shelf. Great tips!

Kristen says

I would give this a better rating, but it hasn't worked too well in Seattle. I don't know if it's because of the year we've had (unseasonably mild, cold and wet) or if the book isn't suited for our climate. Regardless, whenever I follow the dates based off of the first frost I find that the part in the planner is a month ahead of where I'm at.

Oh well, I'll try it again next year.

Heather says

lots of useful information, plant, insect and time specific. i will definitely adjust their schedule to the shorter alaskan summer. there's plenty of general information that can be applied regardless of area. i do like the idea of using the last frost date as a planning constant, and i like how tasks are broken into categories such as planting, maintaining, harvesting and tool/storage maintenance. will have to see how well it does in application!

Amy says

5 stars for easy to use content. I love that the book is essentially weekly to-do lists. Instead of being organized into topics like "soil," "pests," etc., it says "Do this task this week."

Minus 2 stars for making it seem like the growing season is about 21 weeks long in every climate zone, without providing instructions on how to make adjustments if your season is shorter or longer.

Sarah says

This is a wonderful garden resource, that assumes you are new to vegetable gardening. You are intended to start by filling in your last frost date, then working forward and backward through the book to add dates based off the last frost date to each segment of weeks and chores. If I could only have 5 books about gardening, this would be on the list. My only complaint is that I've had to change my last frost date (a nebulous date to begin with) so that the tasks line up better with the dates I actually do them on. Some of the dates for harvesting and pulling spent plants still don't line up very well, so I may end up trying to tweak the dates further.

As an experienced gardener, this is mostly a reference book for me - I look at the tasks for a week (or segment of weeks) and have already done most of them, but there will usually be one or two things I didn't think of doing. The book is laid out very well, with overviews for several weeks at a time, if you don't want to page through the detailed lists. The book also has helpful information about dealing with pests, preserving the harvest, growing herbs, the authors favorite garden tools, amending soil and more.

I would recommend this book to any gardener who isn't quite sure what to do when in the vegetable garden.

Sherri says

This was a journal book to help guide you from planning before your last frost date through the season. It's guided for new gardeners however, could be used as a template for future years and use.

Lindoula says

Very nice reference organized to help you know when to do what. It's geared more towards people with yards and room for big garden plots, but there are useful tips that I can use for container gardening, too.

K. says

It's like a journal. It helped me plant at the correct times for each plant and reminded me what to do each week. It teaches new techniques for each season and the introduction was helpful.

gina says

I picked up some new things and glossed over some of the stuff I knew. I just wasn't crazy about this book though. Part might be because it has circle wire type binding that always makes turning pages a pain in the asparagus. Part might also be because though I'm reading veggie gardening stuff, our new house won't really be ready for a real garden this summer. We'll be doing things in stages and stage one is clearing the land... that might take... a while. So I'm just dreaming and that's not nearly satisfaction enough.

Lablover says

I have read this all the way through but I will be reading this throughout the year every year. It is exactly what I was looking for. It gives you a list of things to do and when to do them to prep throughout the year. I find that this will help keep me organized and will also make things seem less overwhelming. I may not start everything until I can clean and purge my garage but I definitely feel better about this coming growing season!

Laurel says

This is very helpful for reminders of what to do when. Parts of it are journal style, and you write in your own dates based on the average frost dates. However, I have found it difficult to actually discover my city's average first frost and the realistic date of planting based on weather. The book is not too helpful in that area.

Ruth Feathers says

Basic planner for gardeners.
