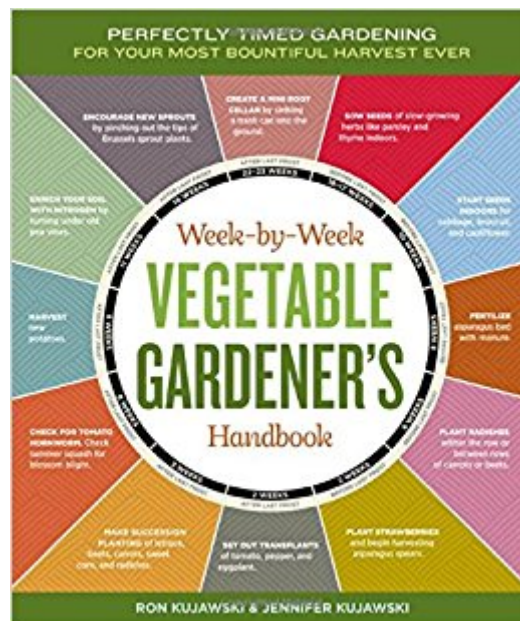




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The Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook: Make The Most Of Your Growing Season



Synopsis

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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Customer Reviews

Using the first and last frost as guideposts, father and daughter Kujawski guide would-be gardeners through the growing season and beyond, with plenty of tips and tricks to ensure a great harvest. Beginning with basics like site selection and soil preparation, the Kujawskis walk readers through the basics of seeding and planting, transplanting sensitive plants along with canny tips like using cover crops like clover or grasses as well as vinegar and clove oil to keep weeds at a minimum. Though the authors do offer suggestions on making the most of the harvest by freezing and canning, the book will be most useful during the growing season itself. Once readers have set the wheels for a small garden in motion, the book's weekly worksheets, with timely advice on which plants can be planted or harvested as well as maintenance tips for specific crops, are likely to be the most useful. Gardeners will appreciate the book's soft cover, though its pages are likely to get dirty

from frequent consultations in the back yard, which is probably the intent. (Dec.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.

The Kujawskis' handbook supplies "breadth and brevity rather than depth of information" as it provides a week-by-week, yearlong gardening calendar suitable for all gardening zones and useful for all home growers, especially newcomers to the pursuit. The father-daughter authors note that getting started is "often a matter of overcoming inertia," and begin by discussing the properties of soil and its testing, techniques for space saving, and location, location, location. Enhanced by many useful line drawings, this how-to covers the finding and using of last-frost dates for readers' customized weekly planners, which accurately schedule indoor sowing (20-15 weeks before last frost); fertilizing; (trans)planting; pest control; harvesting; and more. Making each week's to-do list clear and manageable are charts placed alongside easily read boxed information, such as "Garden Smart in Hot Weather" and "Weed Management 101," that complement lined blank pages with ample room for personal notation. Instructions for "putting food by" for winter consumption, resource listings for growing tips, recipes, seeds, and suggested further readings complete this year-round gardener's companion. --Whitney Scott

This book is absolutely amazing. It has so much information in it and there's information that you'll go back to season after season. There's space to keep notes about your garden which is cool, but I keep a separate notebook for all my notes. I write quite a bit more than the space that is available in the book. But nonetheless, this is a very well thought out book and a great tool to use every day in your garden. You'll still create your own methods, but this is a great starting point and reference guide. This is a gardeners bible!

Not much I can say about this--my wife is the gardener in the family. But she says she loves it and, although she's an experienced vegetable (and flower) gardener, she says she's gotten great new ideas from it.

This book is a great addition to my gardening collection. Most of my other books cover very general topics "depending on where you live". This book goes into detail for each month/week based on average date of last frost. There are bulleted lists, anecdotal stories, areas for notes, and the layout of the book allows it to be used for years to come!

I LOVE this book! It is super easy to organize my seeds, my planting schedule and garden. I also like that it gives other garden information as well. I see the value for a beginner or for a seasoned pro!

I bought this for my mother for her garden. It's exactly what she wanted since she wants to learn about when to grow different things. She says it's exactly what she needs.

I'm a garden writer and was lucky enough to get to hang out with the editor of a big name garden magazine recently, after writing an article for their magazine. She mentioned that they had gotten in about 40 books just on vegetable gardening that spring, and how shockingly many books on the topic are published each year. I asked her which of the newest crop stood out as being truly different, and this was one of the two she mentioned. I was trained in ornamental horticulture, so even though I'm a pro I know little of vegetables. This book was exceptionally helpful in taking me week-by-week through the season and helping me figure out generally what I ought to be doing during each season. While climates vary drastically and you'll have to adjust the week-by-week based on your climate and common sense (some folks only have a few months of the year that aren't frosty, while others like me have a longer season but less heat), this is nevertheless an excellent starting point for knowing what kinds of tasks you should be thinking about during each part of the year. I love that since it's spiral-bound, it sits flat on the table or ground for me to refer to easily even with dirty hands. And I loved too that they share illustrations rather than photos, so they could show the right level of detail and close-up on every task that needs an illustration to explain. Whether you're new to gardening in general or just vegetable gardening, this book has the in-depth and time-arranged info you need to get going in the garden quickly. Recommended.

This would be a really good book for a beginning home gardener. I garden a lot and don't need all the basics. I prefer the Rodale's Garden Problem Solver.

I love the sense of humor of this book, and its handy tips of what to do when. However, for this to really work, you need to be able to determine the dates of frost in your area, and that's a bit tricky in CA. For people who have no frost, like along coastal CA, or if your last frost varies a lot so the average last frost date is questionable, it becomes a bit unworkable, so not sure if this will actually work for me, but if I had clear frost dates, then this book is a great find. I wish the book had a

companion website that helped California people noodle out their frost dates for their particular micro climate - then this book would be a 5 plus! Even without clear frost dates, it at least gives you a general idea of what to do when, and the sense of humor between the two authors is fun. I'm very glad they wrote this book, THANK YOU for the help!

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