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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 Gardening 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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Customer Reviews

"For vegetable gardening in the Bay Area, Golden Gate Gardening is indispensable" if you buy one gardening book, this is the one."Michael Pollan, author of In Defense of Food and The Omnivore's Dilemma" "Every Bay Area gardener knows that, in addition to a copy of the Western Garden Book, you MUST have Golden Gate Gardening in your library."Sunset"...an excellent gardening book, of particular value for those living where the ocean fogs influence the gardening climate, but with substantial new material for those living just beyond the fog's reach."Pacific

Horticulture" For 17 years, Bay Area gardeners have relied on Pam Peirce's authoritative 'Golden Gate Gardening' as their go-to resource for no-nonsense general instruction on nurturing fruits, vegetables and herbs in the home garden." San Jose Mercury News "...exceptionally thorough, authoritative and readable. It is a rare combination of solid science, practical experience and a conversational style of writing... The good chapters keep coming. Look for clear practical information on garden planning, improving garden soil, buying seeds and other starts, getting plants started and watering. The book also has very good sections on pests, diseases and annual and perennial weeds." The Monterey Herald "We'll admit it--we're envious of gardeners who live in regions covered by this magnificent book . . . a Laurel's Kitchen for California mid-coastal gardeners." HortIdeas "Peirce writes in a clear, easily understandable style. Charts show plants that thrive in fog and those that grow in sun. Month-by-month graphs identify plant and harvest schedules for year-round bounty. Included is advice on soil, composting, pest and weed control, detailed instructions for many favorite fruits, vegetables and herbs, and a few well-tested recipes for enjoying the harvest." Marin Independent Journal "My very favorite Bay Area gardening book is Golden Gate Gardening, a work of genius written by Pam Peirce. I love the book so much that when I speak to serious SF Bay Area gardeners and find that they don't own it I'm shocked. I reference it anytime I plant something new and frequently before harvesting a new crop." FARMcurious

Pam Peirce is also the author of Wildly Successful Plants: Northern California. She writes the Q&A column "Golden Gate Gardener" for the San Francisco Chronicle and teaches gardening and horticulture at City College of San Francisco, where she lives.

I like it, but I am totally spoiled by the Sunset Western Garden Book (which is gorgeous with a wealth of information). This book has a lot of good information about planting seasons in the Bay Area, and has specific information based on where you live. I just wish it had better/more pictures, and that it was easier to navigate and find information.

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.

The gardening information is fantastic; I am getting a home gardening up and running based on the authors 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.

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.

I love this book!! Great information for bay area gardeners. I bought it for my Organic Gardening and Food Production class at SRJC but I'm sure I'll be using it for years to come! It has everything, how to put together different kinds of composts, a planting guide, info on local pests and plant diseases, info on just about anything you'd want to put in your garden, and info on common weeds.

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

Recommended by my garden class. Lots of information. Not a picture book.

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 recipies. This guide is a great read and highly recommended.

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