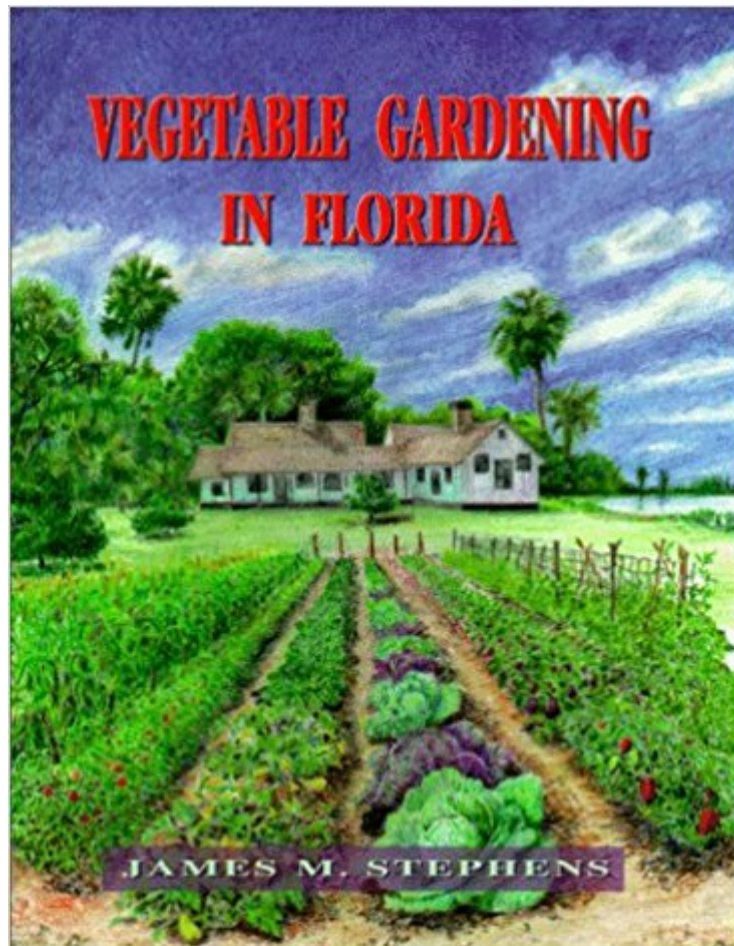




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Vegetable Gardening In Florida



Synopsis

"Jim Stephens knows his vegetables. Follow his advice and you will have a successful, fruitful, pest-free garden—whether it is in a pot on your deck or a quarter-acre out back."—Marina Blomberg, garden editor, Gainesville Sun

With full-color photographs and detailed expert advice, this affordable paperback describes how to grow abundant vegetables and edible herbs in gardens anywhere in Florida. Whether you're planting spring peas and sweet corn or crisp cucumbers and the dill you need to can them, Jim Stephens offers clear explanations of useful gardening terms and practices and joins popular growing concepts with the expertise of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Combining his personal background with decades of experience as Florida Cooperative Extension Service vegetable specialist, Stephens explains types of gardens (including hydroponic and organic), site selection, vegetable variety selection, garden establishment and care, soil fertilization and management, climatic implications, cultivation practices, and harvesting and storing. He also addresses the challenge of pests and diseases and includes a detailed and illustrated description of all the major and minor crops usually grown in Florida. And he doesn't overlook the basic, practical advice: thin the turnips, Stephens says; keep your tools sharp and clean; don't use lawn fertilizer on those vegetables. His guide will be indispensable to county agents, school teachers, garden writers, and anyone who enjoys a juicy, homegrown tomato.

James M. Stephens is professor of horticultural sciences at the University of Florida and State Extension vegetable specialist in charge of educational programs for home gardeners. He was a founder of Florida's Master Gardener program, the Florida Urban Gardening program, and the Organic Gardening Research and Education Center at the University of Florida. He is the author of more than 300 publications and articles and more than 200 radio and television talks on gardening.

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If you are a beginner, growing in Florida, than this is a good way to begin. Very simple, gives you good outline of veggies/fruits/herbs that grow good in Florida. The book also covers ways to build up for planting, pH breakdowns, and the importance of rotate gardening. Like I stated this is a basic book that covers a lot of great ways/ideas of gardening if Florida.

Last year I purchased a winter home in Florida I am excited at the idea of growing fresh vegetables in January. However, the soil surrounding my new home seems to be 90% sand. As a midwesterner I am used to rich loamy dirt so I know I have a lot to learn about gardening in Florida. VEGATABLE GARDENING IN FLORIDA has information about composting, rain barrels, container gardening and much more that will be helpful to me. It contains lists of plants that will do well in my area and gives the approximate planting dates as well as yeild. I am looking forward to planting tomatoes, onions and lettuce in January.

This book was loaded with great information for anyone wanting to garden here in Florida. Lots of

great pictures too. I borrowed it from the library, read it & had to have my own copy. Companion planting, organics, insects/pests, diseases, harvesting, even storing. So worth the money, for me it was a great buy!

love this book..let someone borrow and never got back so had to order another

Great book on gardening in Florida and was recommended by Master Gardeners class.Can't go wrong with this book.

Very good. It is hard to find good books on growing vegetables in the summer in SW Florida. Comparatively, a good book.

It is a quick, easy to read/follow guide to gardening specifically in Florida.It was highly recommended by the UF/extension office presentation on veggie gardening.Bought 2 copies; one for family member that always has a small garden.Story in nutshell; excellent resource for beginning or experienced gardeners.

Just what you need if you want to start a garden in Florida. Sandy soil is a big problem along with figuring out what time of year to plant. This book does just that and is filled with lots of good information on every thing you might want or need to know to get your garden started in a tropical place like Florida.

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