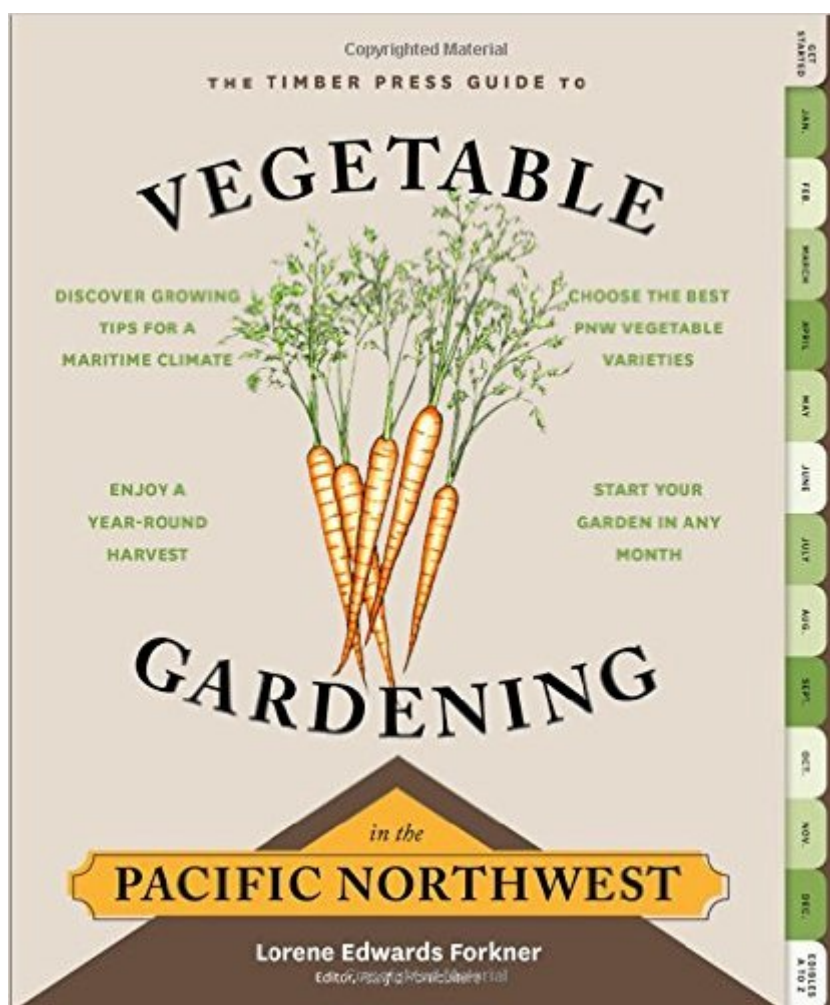


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# The Timber Press Guide To Vegetable Gardening In The Pacific Northwest (Regional Vegetable Gardening Series)



## Synopsis

There is nothing more regionally specific than vegetable gardening. What to plant, when to plant it, and when to harvest are unique decisions based on climate, weather, and first and last frost. The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening: Pacific Northwest is a growing guide that truly understands the unique eccentricities of the Northwest growing calendar, covering Oregon, Washington, southeastern Alaska, and British Columbia. The month-by-month format makes it perfect for beginners and accessible to everyoneâyou can start gardening the month you pick it up. Starting in January? The guide will show you how to make a seed order, plan crop rotations and succession plantings, and plant a crop of microgreens. No time to start until July? You can start planting beets, carrots, chard, kale, parsnips, and spinach for an early fall harvest.

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## Customer Reviews

OK. Solomon's book, "Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades" is the 'bible', but it is heavy on the geeky science specifics. Forkner's book is the one you'll keep close as you pore over seed catalogs. This is the book, all sticky noted and post-it tabbed to where it won't sit nice on the bookshelf any more, that you will schlep out to the garden and/or potting shed. I recommend this book for the practical how-to's and Solomon's book for the geeky whys. If you have to choose between the two, it all depends on what you are looking for. If you just want to grow some veggies in the back yard, this is the one. If you want to know the science and history as to WHY your parsnips

have little tunnels drilled all over them, and not necessarily just how to correct it, then get Solomon's tome. I have both. And Forkner's is filthy 'cause I use it.

This book is fantastic. I moved to Oregon with 40 years of California gardening experience. What a shock! Vegetables and other plants do not follow the same rules here, so I decided that I'd better learn all over again. When your tomato seedlings are looking peaked and most of your other things rot away or get eaten by slugs, it's really easy to get frustrated. This book lays it all out. With a chapter-by-chapter/month-by-month guide, it tells you what to plant when inside or outside. It tells you what you might be able to grow in a greenhouse and has all the tips you'll need to enjoy what WILL grow here. You may not get great big beefsteak tomatoes, but you might be eating great lettuce and peas all year. This book is packed with all kinds of information to help you succeed at vegetable gardening in this challenging environment.

I'm an experienced vegetable gardener, so I found this book somewhat elemental. It was interesting for some of the varietal information and I always like to see how someone else does it. Really, though, if you want the best on gardening West of the Cascades, which is really where the trick is, use Steve Solomon's classic *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades*. Can't go wrong there.

I like the month by month chapters what to do for the month. It lists things I have forgotten to do in a timely matter in the past. It is a time saving, get it done ahead of time reference. So far the book is right on for the Pacific Northwest. Thank you.

I love this book. While it does have an introductory section with general information about growing in the PNW, with information like which types of organic fertilizers and soil amendments are based on local resources (like oyster shell flour), the real strength of this book is its practical, calendar-based organization. Each month has information about what to sow, what's harvesting, what type of maintenance needs doing, and timely planning tips specific to that month at the beginning of its chapter. The bulk of the chapters also contain seasonally relevant information. January, for example, gives information on growing microgreens (including a tip on using up seed stock which might be on its way out), information on average seed longevity for common crops and information on testing germination rates of your current seed stock. All perfectly timed for the arrival of all of the seed catalogs. I think this book is a great companion to *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades*, my other favorite PNW veggie gardening book. They each take a very different, but very

complementary, approach.

Love this thing for the ease of following the to-do lists. Not for super experienced gardeners, I suppose, and not an exhaustive guide to troubleshooting issues that may arise, but just a great solid grab-it-in-those-first-few-years guide.

I was expecting a basic how-to garden in the northwest sort of book. However there are very little basics. This book more so goes into what to plant during which month. Which is helpful just not what I was looking for.

I really like the format of this book, first off. Lorene makes it easy for us beginners to understand what needs to be done to the garden each month to keep the soil in good condition, and she gives great tips on planting. I was very surprised though that she kind of skims over information on adding regular vegetables during the cooler months, and focuses more on lettuce varieties. I kind of felt like we were supposed to follow the schedule of what her favorite vegetables are....and not a lot of information was focused on other vegetables. I would have liked this to be more general information and included more than just lettuce varieties.

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