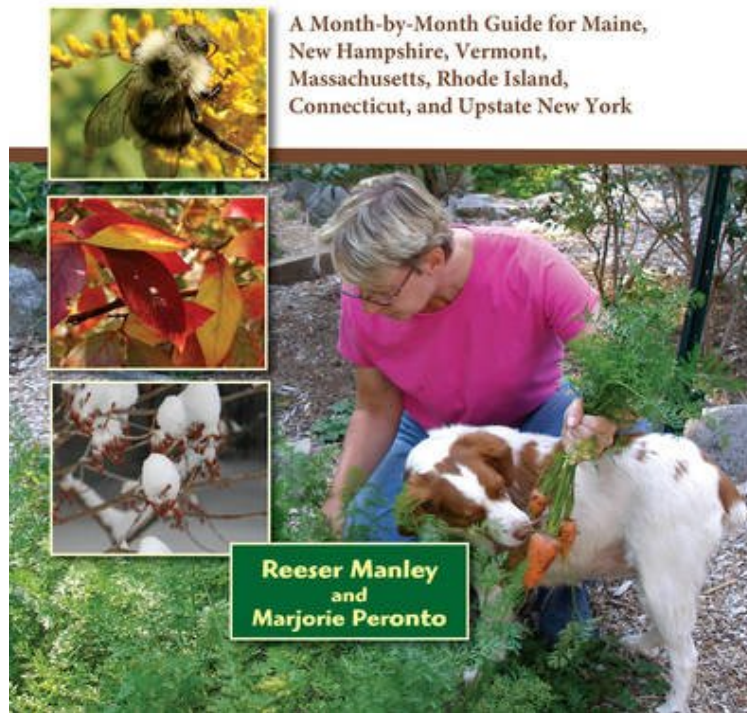


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Practical and Pleasant! - Very PleasedBy frecklesI received this book yesterday and am so happy. It was what I was hoping for. I don't own any gardening books, and so I wanted a

general gardening book about vegetables and flowers that is practical, detailed, specific to New England, and easy to reference. It is a big, beautiful book, with lots of colored photos (good for visual learners). I flipped through the preliminary chapters and read through the chapter on gardening in the month of July. The information is easy to understand (I am a beginner), and I am now hungry to read more. In just a couple of hours of reading, I already have a little to-do list to tackle with the vegetables I am currently growing. The author clearly loves this work and is very knowledgeable. I want to mention that the author's writing style is a little flowery - very personal, but it does make for a pleasant read. I don't think it takes away from the usefulness of the book. I could see myself underlining the important facts and suggestions as I go, so they are easier to distinguish from the "fluff" when I need to reference the book later. This is my second summer gardening, and as I spend my time tending to my vegetables and flowers, questions and concerns frequently pop into my mind. "Am I watering enough? Too much? What's that bug do? Should I deadhead these flowers?" The internet is handy resource, but I really wanted a detailed book that I could pour over. I wanted something to help me create a game plan. I think this book will become a trusty and familiar friend. The thing I most appreciate is that the chapters are separated into months. It makes the general concept of gardening easier for my beginner mind to wrap around. It's practical. I prefer this so much more than reading plant by plant. I also like the handy index and the charts. For instance, one chart I thought would be particularly helpful is his crop rotation plan. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Garden in New England? Get this book! By Still River Potter I have a lot of gardening books. Most of them make me feel inadequate because I like to have the goldenrod pop up next to the garden or I lost a crop to some bug infestation. This book makes you realize that you are going to have those difficulties - and how to grow and maintain wonderful and fruitful gardens and look differently at "weeds" and "bugs". I look forward to following this book month after month this coming year and glean some great information to make my gardening experience even better next year! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The newest resource guide for New England Gardeners By Janet McIntyre This comprehensive, well written book is full of information by the authors who have had their 'hands in the soil' for years and have a passion for gardening. It is full of tips that they have experienced first hand and they love sharing it. The importance of gardening organically is the theme of the book and this wonderful book makes us all realize that Mother Earth needs to be protected by each and every one of us and demonstrates the new interconnectedness of all living organisms.

This comprehensive full-color what-to/when-to/how-to reference manual covers every garden and landscape planting including the most proven and popular as well as many native New England plants that deserve to be better known. Month-by-month guidance from March through October with suggested dates for planting and tending adjusted for each zone is augmented by advice on such topics as soil testing, composting, pruning, landscape design, and how to provide a season-long source of pollen and nectar for beneficial insects. Gardeners will find advice and photos for adapting to any microclimate or situation including shade; wet soil; coastal landscapes; container, raised-bed, and extended-season gardening; and much more. Gardeners and landscapers will treasure this book for its elegant writing and full-color photography, its photo-essay tours of outstanding owner-maintained gardens throughout New England, its focus on organic methods and native plants, and its guidance on integrating gardens of every variety into their surrounding landscapes. Photo sequences of key techniques enhance the book, which is designed and indexed to provide instant access to the information a gardener needs at hand. In Reeser Manley and Marjorie Perontos view, the plots of land on which we live are not our yards but our garden extensions of the surrounding natural world and we, as gardeners, are caretakers of that world. They advocate gardening in tune with nature avoiding pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and invasive plants, while creating a garden that enhances local biodiversity. The New England Gardeners Year will guide you to a garden of great beauty and bountiful harvests.

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