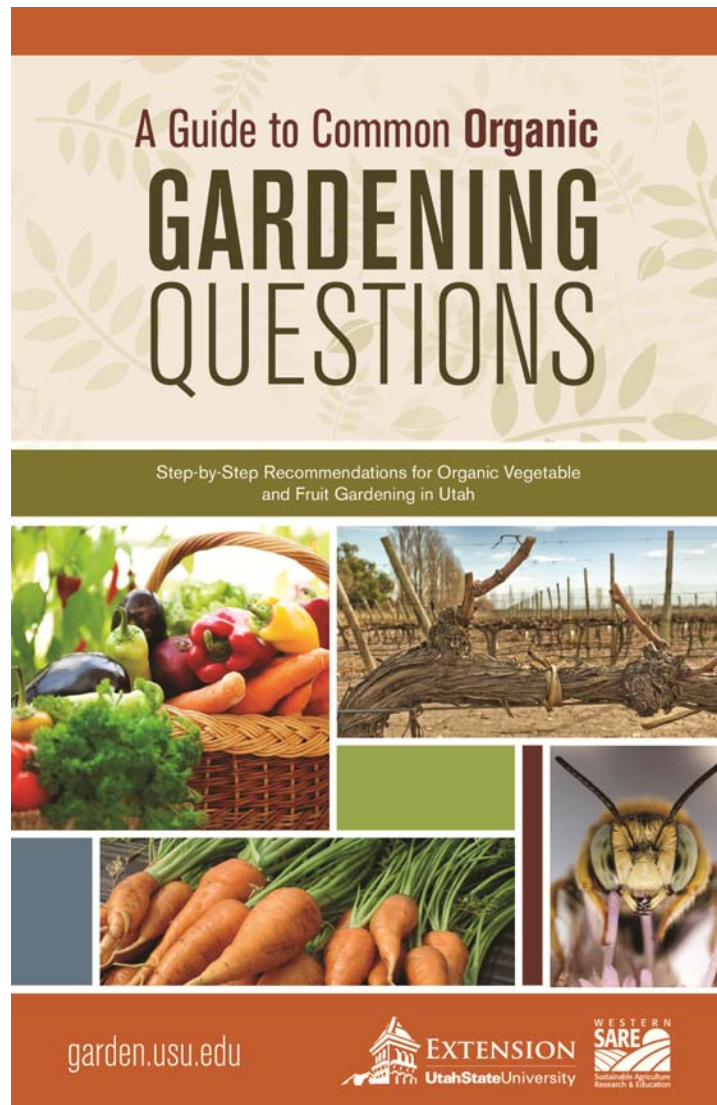


A Guide to Common Gardening Questions



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Why Another Gardening Book?

- Organic gardening book written for residential gardeners
- Contributions from writers and specialists
- Summary of information currently found in existing publications
- Convenient tables, figures and illustrations



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Chapters

- Garden Preparation
- Organic Gardening Techniques
- Garden Soil
- Organic Garden Care
- Garden Pest Control

A Guide to Common Organic GARDENING QUESTIONS

Step-by-Step Recommendations for Organic Vegetable
and Fruit Gardening in Utah

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Other New Additions

- ‘Garden Myths’ sections – tackle home remedies and other misconceptions
- ‘Ask an Expert’ sections – utilized (with permission) Utah Pests Newsletter articles
- Pull-out Sections – the birds, the bees and more!
- Washington County information
- Incorporated charts – information at hand, do not have to look-up fact sheets



Who Are The Intended Users?

- Organic Gardeners
- Community Gardeners
- Young Families
- Master Gardeners
- Church Gardens
- School Gardens

Needs Analysis

- **Salt Lake Tribune Home and Garden Festival:**
 - Almost two-thirds of respondents in 2012 use pesticides to some extent in their fruit or vegetable garden compared to almost three-fourths in 2013.
 - Though most of our respondents used pesticides in their gardens in 2012, a large majority (over 70%) want to reduce pesticide use.
 - In 2013, 59% of survey respondents never (28%) or rarely (31%) use pesticides and 68% were moderately (24%) or extremely (44%) interested in reducing or eliminating pesticide use.
 - In 2012 and 2013, most respondents were interested in learning how to attract pollinators to the garden.
 - Wagner and Kuhns, Journal of NACAA Volume 6 Issue 1 May, 2013.

Needs Analysis

- Recent email survey of 500 people who attended programs at Thanksgiving Point:
 - 1. Healthy eating
 - 2. How to grow vegetables
 - 3. Basic backyard gardening
 - 4. Ethnic cooking
 - 5. Food preservation
 - 6. Cooking fresh fruits and vegetables

Book Production

- Each chapter reviewed by an Extension Specialist or two Extension Agents and two editors from Extension Marketing
- Graphic design and layout by Olivia Yeip from Ext. Marketing
- Photos by authors, Utah Pests team, Dennis Hinkamp, and others
- Purchased most photos from iStock

Reading Level

- Want to be easy to understand for beginning gardeners
- Still has many references to factsheets for more detailed information
- Agent faculty writers tended to write more concisely
- Specialist faculty writers tended to write in more detail

Printing

- Mike Whitesides great help through whole process
- Helped get bids from three printers
- Print specs: on 80# stock with 100# cover which was coated with UV coating to be water-resistant for outside use
- Spiral binding so lays flat for easy reference

Content additions from first book

- Added more information on home food preservation
- Added section on gardening with children
- Detailed sections on weeds, organic insect control, organic disease control

Distribution

- Will be introduced at Organic Workshop at Wheeler Farm to be held March 2014
- Copy provided to all garden centers in Utah based on 2014 Utah Nursery and Landscape Assoc. membership
- Copy to each Extension office
- Copy to Wasatch Community Gardens network

Distribution 2

- Preview copies to:
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service Utah offices
 - Water districts: Central Utah, Jordan Valley, Weber Basin
 - Red Butte Gardens, Thanksgiving Point
 - Cal-Ranch, IFA
 - USU Bookstore
 - Barnes & Noble

Distribution 3

- Available from extension.cart.usu.edu
- Bookmark has table of contents and ext.cart address for master gardeners, others to use when giving gardening talks
- Working on final photo permissions and then plan to offer as e-book on Amazon
- E-book will have feature of clicking on links to factsheets for more detailed info

Distribution 4

- Has ISBN book number and bar code for pricing and inventory use by stores
- Goal is to get Extension information out to where people are purchasing gardening supplies and books
- Available on-line from extension.cart.usu. Plan to print bookmarks with Table of Contents and ordering info

Example Table

Table 6: Average Last Spring Frost and Suggested Vegetable Planting Dates for Various Locations in Northern Utah.

City	Average Last Spring Frost	Vegetable Group and Average Date of Initial Planting			
		A	B	C	D
Coalville	June 18	May 1	May 10	June 10	May 15 (P*)
Duchesne	May 23	April 1	April 15	June 1	May 15 (P*)
Farmington	May 5	March 15	March 20	May 5	May 20
Heber	June 11	April 25	May 5	June 5	May 15 (P*)
Laketown	June 15	May 1	May 10	June 1	June 1 (P*)
Logan – USU	May 7	April 1	April 10	May 7	May 20
Logan – SW Farm	May 23	April 15	April 25	May 23	June 1
Midvale	May 13	March 15	April 1	May 13	May 27
Morgan	June 6	March 15	April 1	May 20	June 1
Nephi	May 16	March 15	April 1	May 16	June 1
Ogden	May 3	March 15	March 20	May 3	May 20
Price	May 12	March 15	April 1	May 12	May 27
Provo – BYU	May 1	March 15	March 20	May 1	May 20
Salt Lake Int'l Airport	April 26	March 15	March 20	April 26	May 15
Santaquin	May 14	March 15	April 1	May 14	June 1
Tooele	May 7	March 15	March 20	May 7	May 20
Tremonton	May 3	March 15	March 20	May 3	May 20
Vernal	May 27	April 1	April 15	June 1	May 15 (P*)
Woodruff	June 26	May 15	June 1	n/a	n/a

*P = Protected with cover

*For more information on freeze dates in other areas reference <http://climate.usu.edu>.

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Thank you, Questions?



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