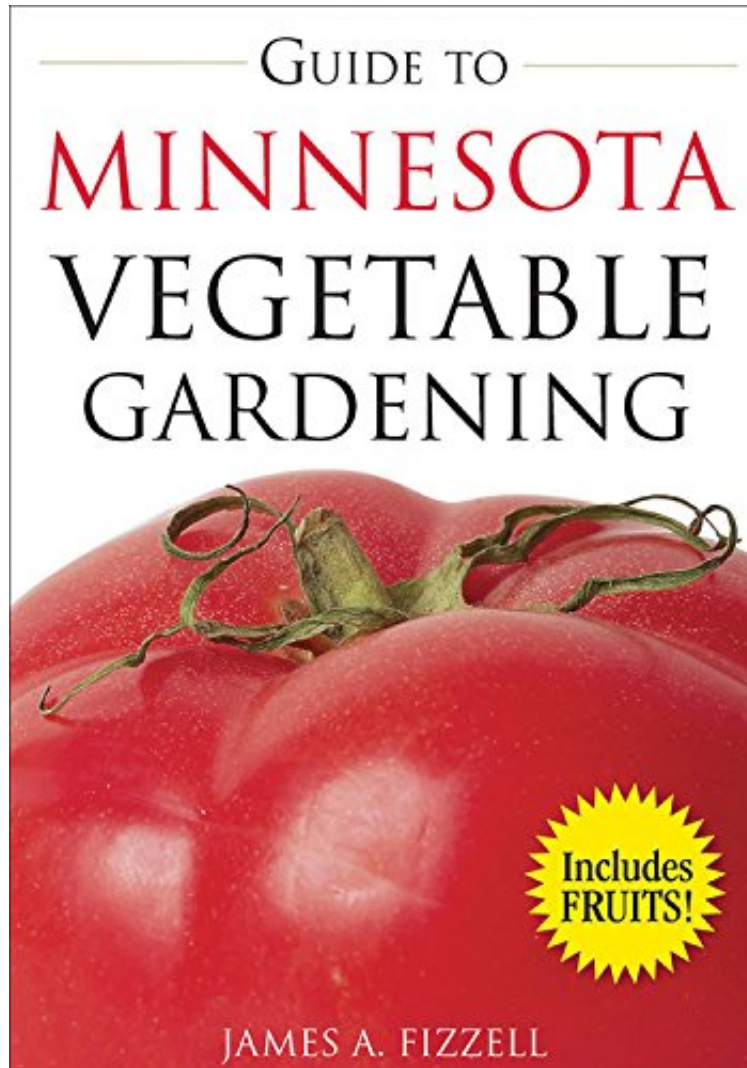


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table of contents. Save your money and buy a \*good\* all around guide to gardening and look up free information from the UMN extension. Or - if you really think you \*need\* a book about gardening in Minnesota look at the books by Melinda Myers or Don Engbretson; both well-known folks in the upper midwest gardening world. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not really about Minnesota, and definitely not for the organic gardener. By CustomerA book that goes on and on about how it is going to provide information on gardening in Minnesota ought to at least edit out the chapters on growing peach trees and blackberries and should heavily modify the advice on blueberries, cherries, and apples to reflect that many varieties are unsuited to Minnesota's cold climate. There's a lot of emphasis on poisons and fertilizer, with little discussion of safe handling and no mention of alternative strategies for pest control. And where was the editor when the author kept writing about "healing in" plants, instead of "healing in"? 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Good overview of the basics. By Music Mom This book provides a good overview of the basics. The first section has maps of MN first frost, last frost, and hardiness zones, list of MN County extension phone numbers, and information on dealing with typical MN soils. The next section is broken out by specific vegetables/fruits, and includes information on when, where, and how to plant each one, notes on when to tell if each vegetable or fruit is ripe, and a list of common varieties to try. (Note, this is not a book for organic gardeners, every listing includes what pesticides to use for pests specific to each plant. If you need organic methods you'll need to look elsewhere.) Overall a good starter book with information specific to this cold but fertile land in which we live.

This book offers advice on everything from starting your garden from seed, to planning your garden with helpful space saving techniques. Make this guide a must-have resource for anyone interested in growing vegetables, no matter what their space requirements. Helpful charts will outline when to plant and when to harvest cool and warm season vegetables.

About the Author James Fizzell has more than 50 years of hands-on horticultural experience, making him the source other experts turn to with their toughest turf, vegetable, landscape, and plant problems. Fizzell is well known to midwest gardeners through numerous appearances on radio and TV and from articles for neighborhood weekly newspapers. Jim has written more than twelve books for midwest gardeners for Cool Springs Press.