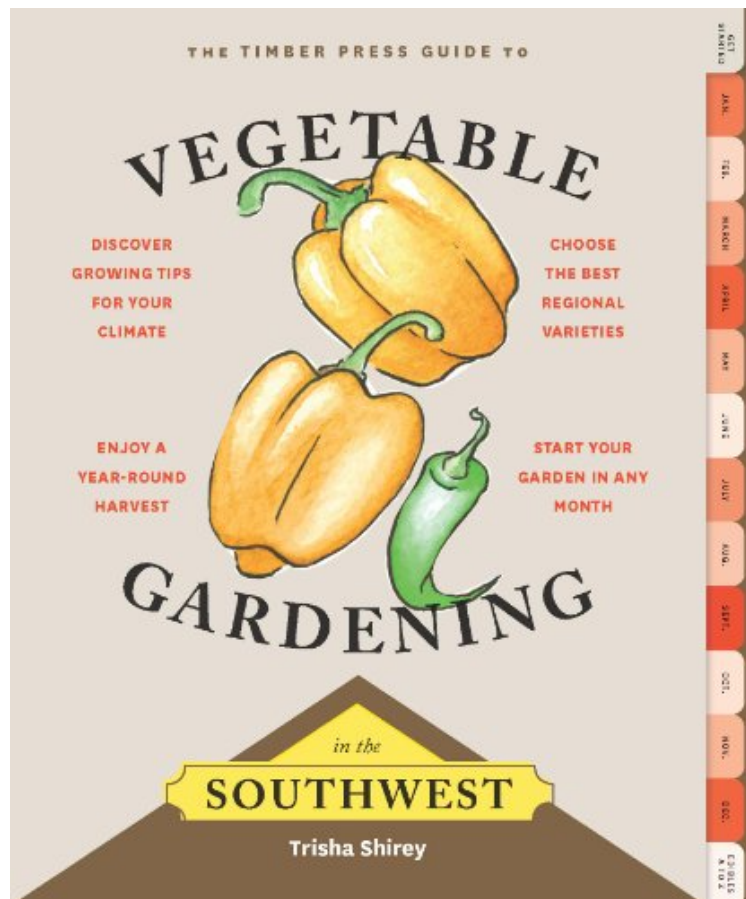


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Trisha Shirey : Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest (Regional Vegetable Gardening Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest (Regional Vegetable Gardening Series):

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Take the trauma out of growing food!By LindaHave you ever wanted to throw a shovel at your food? That is to say: the food you've been TRYING REALLY HARD to grow.Don't despair! Trisha Shirey's to the rescue with Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest.As Lake Austin Spa Resort's Director of Flora and Fauna, Trisha knows everything about organic growing in frustrating harsh-as-heck conditions. Now, she's put all that knowledge into an easy hands-on guide, whether it's your first garden, first one in the Southwest, or last ditch try to grow your own.Covering USDA Zones 4-10, Trisha takes us step by step from soil prep to harvest. Along with tips for building traditional raised beds and small space gardens, she explores hugelkultur and keyhole gardening.Sprinkled with Skill Set tips, she also covers everything you'll run into, from soil pests and insects

to 4-legged bandits. Trisha makes it easy to fertilize organically, set up irrigation, build stakes and protect crops from heat and cold. Month by month, follow along for comprehensive To Do lists from planting times to harvest and pruning and fertilizing. Edibles A-Z present plant profiles to select best varieties and how to grow them. I've got many great vegetable gardening books in my collection, but in this one, Trisha has compiled the latest info with her years of hard-won success in one of the hardest places to grow. I know I'll be "eating it up."

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Useful and practical - about the SW region
By Omar Fink
This review is about the book, "Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest" Paperback January 7, 2015 by Trisha Shirey
The single thing that stands out most about this book is that it is easy to use. It has many descriptions, diagrams, and charts that are all arranged for easy access. It is easy to read and offers many good tips on gardening techniques. There are many other books that offer more material on specific topics like composting or raised bed, but this book is intended to be an "all-in-one" guide to making your garden work. It is also focused specifically on the SouthWest geographic region of the US.
PART 1 - GETTING STARTED includes a chart of frost dates, discussions on soil types, composting and raised bed gardening.
PART 2 - GET PLANTING is found in the middle, is the largest section of the book, and is arranged in month by month order, to make an excellent guide for activities. January begins with planning and November wraps up most harvesting. Each month includes a primary task list and follows up with related topics. Each page is labeled with the month on the top corner making it easy to navigate to the correct month.
PART 3 - EDIBLES A TO Z starts with a master planting and harvesting chart, arranged zone by zone and then continues with a dictionary/encyclopedia like section on individual vegetable plants. This section wraps up with resources, a further reading list and an index.
The best short summary of this book is that it is very useful and practical.
7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Super Informative and Thorough!
By LT
This book is VERY thorough! It talks about soils, gives ideas on how to test soil, pH and how to adjust for it, what to do each month in anticipation and throughout spring, what the various needed nutrients are and how the loss of certain ones affect a plant's leaves....and I am only 1/4 through this book! I'm very glad I purchased it and appreciate all the work that must have gone into writing it! Thank you Trisha Shirey!!! As a new Central Texan, who got here as quick as I could from San Diego, CA; I needed to know more about how my plants could best survive here and what others could join them. We're going to create a raised garden and will definitely use your advice on doing that, too!

There is nothing more regionally specific than vegetable gardening: what to plant, when to plant it, and when to harvest are decisions based on climate, weather, and first frost. The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Southwest, by regional expert Trisha Shirey, focuses on the unique eccentricities of the Southwest gardening calendar, which include extreme temperatures and low rainfall. The month-by-month format makes it perfect for beginners and accessible to everyone: gardeners can start gardening the month they pick it up. Perfect for home gardeners in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, eastern California, and southern Colorado.

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Sweet, vine-ripened watermelon and cantaloupe, succulent eggplant, crisp winter salads, and vibrant bell peppers are just a few of the delights awaiting gardeners in the Southwest. While the cold winters and hot, dry summers can present gardeners with a challenge, there are many ways to have a productive garden and an ever-changing menu of seasonal food. How do you use the summer heat to grow the most delicious tomatoes? Which months are the best for sowing carrot or beet seeds? How can you make the most of your bountiful harvest during the winter months? Trisha Shirey answers all these questions and more. Monthly planning guides show exactly what you can do in the garden from January through December, and you'll learn skills that go beyond the basics with tutorials on catching rainwater, making weed teas, and building cold frames. Also included are a comprehensive gardening primer and an A to Z of edibles—a detailed, invaluable source for the region's tried-and-tested varieties. Whether you are just starting your season or looking for ways to extend it, this is your guide to producing a bountiful, year-round harvest in the Southwest.