

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival 2022



Here in the Pacific Northwest, we have a long and hospitable growing season, but it's not without some eccentricities. Here are some tips for getting the most flavor and food out of your garden, no matter how much or how little growing space you have.

Our unique maritime climate

- Know your growing region
- Pay attention to microclimate conditions

Planning for Plentiful

- Grow what you love to eat
- Plan and plant for a continuous harvest – the more you pick, the more you get
- Don't forget perennial crops, berries, and herbs
- Avoid overplanting and wasting food by planning and planting to take advantage of our extended growing season and produce crops in the cool as well as the warm season.

Groundwork

- Site crops to gain a full measure of necessary sun for maximum flavor, efficient growth, and good production.
- Adequate watering and irrigation are necessary to maximize flavor and avoid bitterness in many crops.
- Employ only organic controls in your edible landscape to maintain soil nutrition and health, and non-toxic conditions.
- Cultivating edible crops removes a tremendous amount of organic matter from the garden. Routinely build soil with compost, manures, and slow-release organic fertilizer for good tilth and to maximize water retention.

RESOURCES

Watch for *locally grown* organic vegetable starts at independent nurseries and farmers markets. These will be plants and specific varieties that are known to do well in your immediate area.

Irish Eyes Garden Seeds, Ellensburg, WA

www.irisheyesgardenseeds.com

Washington-grown organic seed potatoes and garlic, organic seed and garden supplies

Plant Good Seed co.

www.plantgoodseed.com

Vegetables (including the hard-to-source Crimson Flowered Fava), flowers, herbs, cut flowers and dye plants

Raintree Nursery, Morton WA

www.raintreenursery.com

Fruit trees, berries, and a wide variety of ornamental and edible landscape plants available mail order and at several regional garden shows

Renee's Garden, Felton CA

www.reneesgarden.com

Fabulous selection of seed mixes to maximize variety in the garden

Territorial Seed Company, Cottage Grove, OR

www.territorialseed.com

Seed for PNW growers including varieties for fall and winter growing

Uprising Seed, Bellingham, WA

www.uprisingorganics.com

Certified organic, open pollinated, PNW grown seed

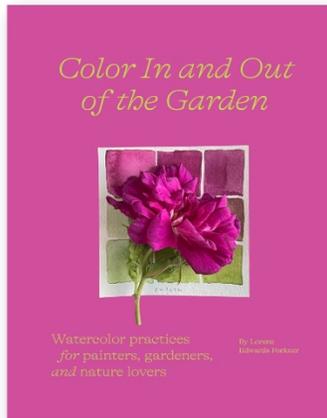
West Coast Seeds, Vancouver, BC

www.westcoastseed.com

Non-GMO, untreated seeds: vegetable, herbs, flowers, grains, sprouting & microgreens, cover crops

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