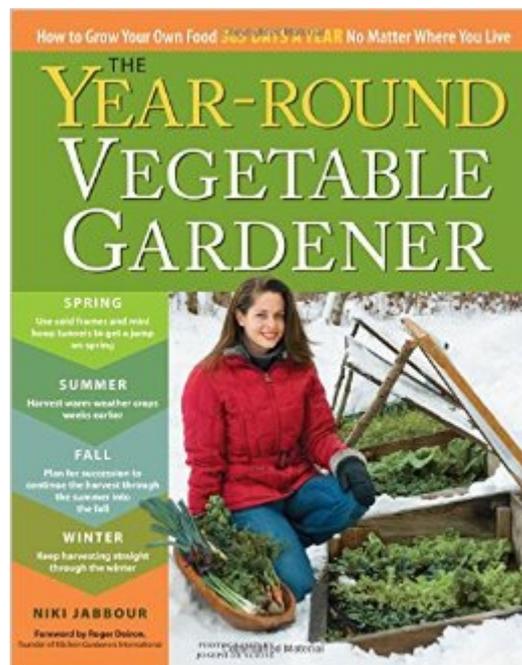


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# The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener: How To Grow Your Own Food 365 Days A Year, No Matter Where You Live



## Synopsis

Even in winter's coldest months you can harvest fresh, delicious produce. Drawing on insights gained from years of growing vegetables in Nova Scotia, Nikki Jabbour shares her simple techniques for gardening throughout the year. Learn how to select the best varieties for each season, the art of succession planting, and how to build inexpensive structures to protect your crops from the elements. No matter where you live, you'll soon enjoy a thriving vegetable garden year-round.

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## Customer Reviews

Ms. Jabbour has produced a great looking book. I'm happy I added this to my home library even though I've got a lot of others about four-season gardening (such as E. Coleman's books). It's always nice to see how someone gardens on the back side of the calendar. The book has a many photos, which are helpful and well done. It would be great to see actual plans for a mini hoop house, including what exactly to buy, lengths and types of materials, and so on. I agree that planting charts would be nice, but many other books have them, and they can be region-specific so not useful to a general audience. And a picture showing how to cut the slit down the "c" clamp cut from a pvc pipe would be useful. One edit: The graphic for timing Brussels Sprouts should read "First Fall Frost" instead of "Last Spring Frost" and should have another bar for long-season varieties. Edit to my review: If you are looking for a resource with more helpful specifics, check out Barbara Damrosch's book, The Four Season Farm Gardener's Cookbook. Plans and instructions for a small hoop house

are available on the Four Season Farm's website.

I have long extolled the virtues of sowing seed year round. I have long extolled the virtues of vegetable growing. So I welcomed this book with open arms. Niki looks at how to extend the season and grow vegetables all year round. Whilst northern gardeners in short season areas will easily think this a god send, Niki states that the book is for gardeners no matter where they live. The first chapter deals with extending the season. I love the harvest pages - cool, cold, warm season. The photography is great and there are some fab ideas for veg gardeners here. Some of it is specific to the USA and Canada, like frost dates, but most of this information can be adapted to where you live. Chapter 2 deals with continuous crops, soil amendment and interplanting to make the most of your site. Chapter 3 deals with growing into winter when most of us have stopped. It looks at all sorts of protection and more. Chapter 4 is all about designing productive gardens. Part 2 of the book is about the right crops. It's an A-Z of veg and herbs to grow covered in two chapters with Niki's picks, hints and tips. Wait, there's even more , you get instructions for building a cold frame and useful charts. Best garden book I've seen for a while. This review first appeared on Karen Platt's book review website.

This is a great book for northern gardeners trying to extend their too-short growing season. It includes detailed descriptions for growing various vegetables and herbs through the seasons, even some particularly cold-hardy plants that are unfamiliar to a lot of people. One thing I would have preferred is a comprehensive chart/schedule showing planting dates similar to that found in Eliot Coleman's first book. I still would highly recommend this book.

The Year Round Vegetable Gardener is a must for those who love to grow vegetables but are struggling with maintaining their gardens through various seasons. The author lovingly describes how to handle gardening in even the most inclement climates. Photos, charts and pictures illustrate how to get best results from your garden and which types of vegetables will thrive and be most effective in your climate. What you get? \* Authors describe how to maintain, establish and make cold frames\* What types of vegetables are most suited for your climate\* Types of vegetables and their strengths (and weaknesses). \* Pest control\* How to maintain and care for crops\* Mini hoops and their uses\* Designing a productive garden Should you get it? I say yes! This book would be quite valuable to anyone attempting to keep their vegetable garden growing year round. The authors offer many practical solutions to problems faced by backyard gardeners. The text is accessible and

amateur friendly, and the pictures are nicely photographed. 5/5 Stars

This book explains how to grow produce all year; I mean ALL YEAR! Ever wonder where the produce comes from that you been buying in the store and wish you could have more control over what your family is eating; then this is the book you need!

First of all most people who buy gardening books already garden and know a little if not a lot about the topic. The trick of a good gardening book is one part information you don't know and one part inspiration to try things you haven't before. This book delivers both. I had never been brave enough to try gardening outside the regular season. I had always wanted to but never tried. After getting Nikki's book I was inspired to try. I started this spring with the cloches. They saved quite a few of my plants and not just from the cold but a nasty grasshopper infestation as well. I am going to try the cold frames this fall/winter. You can tell she has a passion for growing things and it rubs off whether on her radio show or this book. I really hope you get her book. Warning may cause you to fall in love with fresh veggies year round.

Wow, this was inspirational as well as very informative. Specific vegetables are detailed, with suggested varieties and planting calendars. My favorite part, however are the charts detailing interplanting and succession planting. I refer frequently to these handy charts. There are also great suggestions for extending your garden seasons, such as an inexpensive cold frame, for which there are detailed instructions. I can't wait to implement some of these ideas this fall and winter. If you enjoy gardening, you owe it to yourself to get as much enjoyment out of it as you can. This book will help you do just that.

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