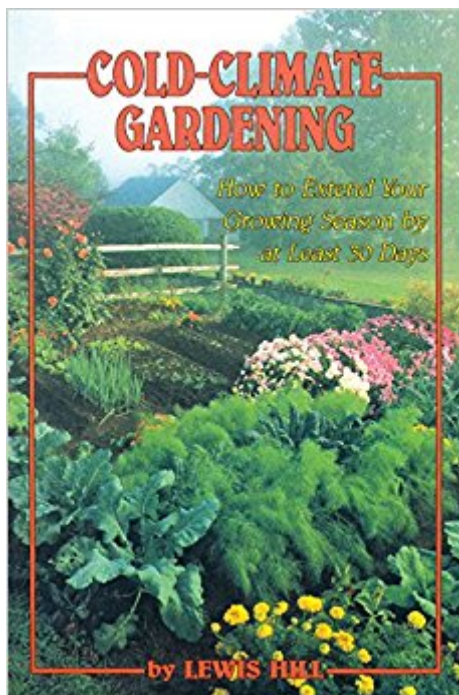




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# Cold-Climate Gardening: How To Extend Your Growing Season By At Least 30 Days



## Synopsis

Gardening in colder regions means dealing with early and late frosts, arctic winds, and inhospitable terrain. Sharing knowledge gained from years of gardening in northern Vermont, Lewis Hill provides proven methods for growing abundant vegetables and maintaining a beautiful landscape as you work around even the harshest of winters. With a variety of techniques for extending the growing season, protecting vulnerable plantings, and cultivating cold-tolerant species, you'll soon be enjoying a thriving garden, no matter how cold it gets where you live.

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"Lewis Hill, not only covers the standard fruits and vegetables in the standard way, but also offers advice on how to extend their growing season." - Buffalo News "Written in a friendly, witty, easy-to-understand fashion and offers direct, uncomplicated advice." - Sacramento Bee "This interesting release claims to instruct you on how to extend your growing season by at least 30 days. That sounds like a tall order, but only a few pages in to the book and you will no doubt be a believer." - Rocky Mountain News

Early and late frosts, arctic winds, and inhospitable terrain are just a few of the obstacles facing those who garden in the icebox region of the United States and Canada. Lewis Hill has spent a lifetime in northern Vermont and is undaunted by the challenges of weather and

climate. Cold-Climate Gardening is an invaluable guide for northern gardeners, showing how to protect vulnerable plantings, warm up the soil earlier, and choose species appropriate to your area. Not just for those who live in the snow belt, this book will also be useful to those who garden in microclimates (such as deep valleys or hillsides) or for those who want to extend their gardening season in any climate. Horticulture has deemed this "an immensely useful book...written with style, wit, and clarity."

I live in Minn. I hope this will help me to getting the food that was intended for us instead of the chemistry that the food rackets have raised us on.

I feel this is a little pessimistic, and perhaps a bit outdated, but still quite informative and worth a read. Very pleased with the condition of the book--like new!

Although I haven't finished the book, it appears that the tips for cold weather gardening will be extremely useful for growing veggies in Alaska. I may even try some veggies that are not known to grow well here. This book was written several years ago, but the ideas are timeless and span the ages. Well written, even humorous, it is an interesting read. If the author can grow it in Maine, we can grow it here. I intend to finish reading it over the winter so I can apply the tips come May.

This is our 2nd copy we owned. The paperback is worn out, so I purchased the hard cover copy to last us many more years. Great book for cold climate area's.

I received the book, Cold-Climate Gardening: How to Extend your Growing Season by at Least 30 days. Received quickly and as the description was. Thank you

Excellent book

This book is almost identical to his other book: "Successful Cold-Climate Gardening". If you have the other one, you don't need this one.

This book is an essential resource for gardeners who dream of feeding themselves off their own land in the frozen North. The book is organized into 3 sections and an appendix. Section one describes the challenges of cold climate gardening in general, and provides some very useful

suggestions about how to get the most out of the garden, including dealing with microclimates, building soils, and starting seeds indoors. It closes with a chapter on ideas for lengthening the growing season, which is of vital concern when you only have 70-80 days of frost-free weather. The second section covers various food crops in detail. It includes ideas for speeding the melting of the snow from the garden in the spring, heating the soil during the growing season, and extending the season with mulches and cold frames. It also takes up each vegetable or fruit in turn and describes whether or not it is likely to thrive in the North, with suggestions for pushing the limits, when necessary, to get a harvest. The last section covers special landscaping concerns of the North, with information such as which hedges should be protected from deep snow, and how to build protective frames for decorative hedges. The appendix includes such things as a list of recommended readings, seed companies and nurseries that specialize in Northern varieties, and sources for greenhouse materials. Before attempting to garden in Vermont, I've had gardens in Pennsylvania, Upstate New York, Massachusetts, and Southern New Hampshire. In those places, I never needed a book to tell me how to garden - I just stuck seeds in the ground and they grew. But gardening is different up here, where the soil never really warms up until the end of June, if then, and frosts threaten by the end of August. Succession planting is still possible, but it takes a lot more forethought to enable two harvests on the same ground in such a short period. This book has helped me focus my efforts on vegetables that really will grow in this climate, like root crops and cabbage family plants, and restrict my planting of heat-loving plants to the "experimental section" of the garden. I've even been able to get a couple of melons and cucumbers to grow by following some of the suggestions in this book. I also learned through reading this book how not to waste my money on fruit trees that aren't fit for this climate, and why it is so important to buy fruit trees and seeds locally up here. If you're stymied by gardening in snow, this book can help!

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