

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Garden Guide

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Ready, Set, Grow! The 2021 Garden Guide Is Here!

All-new edition of perennial favorite features small-space solutions, massive tomatoes, regrettable plants, gardening hacks for Instagram-ready veggies, and more!

As aspiring green thumbs enter a new growing season, the **2021 Garden Guide** is here to help with advice for every gardener, from the well rooted to those who have yet to tend a plant! From the editors of [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#), the *2021 Garden Guide* is available now in [digital](#) and [print](#).

For many gardeners—especially those just starting out—space is a concern. The *2021 Garden Guide* offers simple solutions for this “small” problem. For example, if there’s no room to spread out, **try growing up by building a living wall or creatively cascading containers.**

Some vegetables naturally push gardening to new heights: **Vining vegetables grown upward are more productive than their bush cousins** and won’t break backs come harvesttime. While up-on-the-vine peas and tomatoes are commonplace, the *Garden Guide* delves into the unexpected, including varieties of spinach and squash (think spaghetti and winter, and even small-fruit pumpkins).

Another surprising option for small spaces: **grains, such as amaranth, barley, rice, and wheat.** As amazing as it sounds, even a plot as tiny as 10x10 feet can eventually yield as much as 26 pounds of grain per year! That’s equivalent to 90 cups of flour—enough for 25 loaves of bread!

Sharing bounties (and bakes ...) is all the rage on social platforms like Instagram. The *2021 Garden Guide* takes readers into **the weird, wild, and exotic world of Instagram-ready vegetables**, including rare heirlooms, ready-to-eat rainbows, and “picture perfect” produce (think gourds with growths or carrots shaped like people).

One way to make a splash on social media is to grow something so unique that it makes people stop scrolling. One suggestion: **massive tomatoes.** No cherry, grape, or plum varieties here—the world record holder (from Clinton, New York) weighed over 9 pounds! Get tips for growing a whopper of epic proportions in the *Garden Guide*.

Gardeners looking to extend their growing season will find instructions on how to build a **raised bed heat sink.** This **low-cost solution to a greenhouse** can last 10 years or more and, as the weather cools, it becomes the perfect shelter to help heat-loving plants thrive.

The *2021 Garden Guide* also provides practical advice on creating long-lasting, noninvasive landscapes, including a look at the **plants that—once they go into the ground—every gardener regrets**. Plus: a **guide for choosing the right trees and shrubs**. These landscape essentials can highlight or hide the best and worst parts of any garden.

A bunch of flowers can brighten up any room. The *Garden Guide* challenges readers to **rethink bouquets with a focus on foliage**—think shrubbery, sage, fennel, grasses, and even broccoli and kale—for a presentation that’s a feast for the senses!

All this, plus: **2021 gardening trends** (think less-fussy, edibles everywhere and super-small options for home offices), **interior paint palettes inspired by the garden**, **natural dyes**, **blooms for winter’s darkest days**, **sweet potato recipe contest winners**, and much, much more.

The *Garden Guide* is published annually—like its parent publication, *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*—and is available for \$5.99 U.S./Can at plant nurseries, home centers, and wherever books and magazines are sold, including Amazon.ca for Canadian readers. A full list of retailers can be found at [Almanac.com/wheretobuy](https://almanac.com/wheretobuy). Pick up a [digital version](#) for just \$4.99.

Also available: [The Old Farmer’s Almanac Vegetable Gardener’s Handbook](#) (\$15.95) features the best proven methods for sowing, growing, and harvesting. Now in its third printing, this 208-page, full-color, comprehensive guide will be the one resource that vegetable gardeners never outgrow.

The Almanac’s digital [Garden Planner](#)—the #1 garden planning app “on earth”—is back and better than ever with an improved interface and an amazing number of options, including a database of over 250 vegetable, herbs, fruit, and flowers. Available for Mac and PC—try it free for 7 days: <https://gardenplanner.almanac.com/>

New gardeners can now get free help from *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* through “[Gardening for Everyone](#),” a step-by-step guide that can help anyone to plan, plant, grow, care for, and harvest a bountiful garden.

All members of the Almanac “family” can share their joy of gardening with others in the Almanac community by uploading planting photos and gardening shots and stories on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Twitter](#). Be sure to include #JoyofGardening or #GardenGuide so that we can be blown away!

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