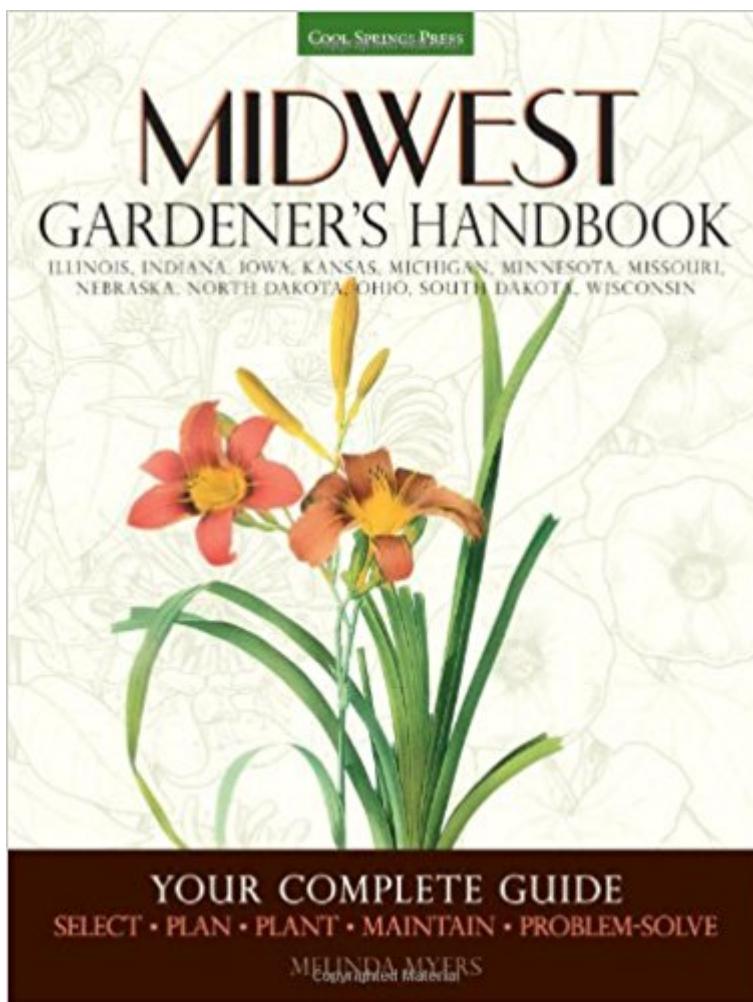


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# Midwest Gardener's Handbook: Your Complete Guide: Select - Plan - Plant - Maintain - Problem-solve - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, ... North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin





## Synopsis

With over 30 years of gardening experience, renowned regional horticulturalist Melinda Myers brings you the perfect when-to, how-to, and which-plant guide for gardening in the Midwestern United States. Meant for the more experienced intermediate to advanced gardener, *Midwest Gardener*'s Handbook is an all-inclusive resource guide featuring hundreds of proven plants—including winter-hardy choices—that are optimal for Midwestern gardeners. With the help of gorgeous photography and in-depth instructions, author Melinda Myers will teach you how to plant, prune, water, control pests, and continually care for your personal outdoor oasis. A helpful icon key highlights each featured plant's benefits, along with its particular sun and shade requirements. Featured plant categories discuss annuals, bulbs, edibles, ferns and groundcovers, ornamental grasses, perennials, roses, shrubs, trees, turfgrasses, and vines. Each plant is showcased with specific advice on how, when, and where to plant; growing tips, such as watering requirements; and descriptions of routine care. Alongside these "nitty-gritty" aspects of planting and growing, Myers shares her inspiration for garden design, the various ways you can beautifully incorporate plants into your landscape, and her favorite cultivars and species. Even better, she provides twelve full months of when-to advice for each plant category, allowing you to successfully enjoy this peaceful pastime all year round. With proven, practical instructions adapted specially for the Midwestern climate, *Midwest Gardener*'s Handbook is your ticket to successful planting in America's Heartland.

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All you need to know to plan, plant, and maintain your Midwestern garden. Creating a flower bed that draws admiring looks from passersby, complementing the look of your home with a beautiful landscape, and harvesting your very own homegrown edibles fresh from the garden do not happen by chance. No matter where in the Midwest you live, you know that gardening success depends on knowing not only how, but when to perform certain tasks. *Midwest Gardener*'s Handbook features:- Chapters on edible gardening, including vegetables and herbs- Nine popular plant categories, from annuals to trees- A monthly "to-do" checklist for each plant category- The top plant recommendations for Midwestern gardeners Author Melinda Myers is an expert on gardening in the Midwest, and in this guide she shares her years of hard-won experience with you, the Midwest gardener. *Midwest Gardener*'s Handbook is your one-stop source for all your questions about gardening in the Midwest!

Nationally known gardening expert, TV and radio host, author, and columnist Melinda Myers has more than thirty years of horticulture experience. She has written over twenty gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, *The Garden Book for Wisconsin*, *Minnesota Gardener's Guide*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Wisconsin*, the *Perfect Lawn Midwest* series, as well as the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Michigan Getting Started Garden Guide*. In addition to authoring books, Myers hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* segments that air on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the United States. She is also the instructor for *The Great Course How to Grow* DVD series. She also has a column in *Gardening How-to* magazine and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazine. Melinda hosted *The Plant Doctor* radio program for over twenty years as well as seven seasons of *Great Lakes Gardener* on PBS. She has written articles for *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening* magazines and was a columnist and contributing editor for *Backyard Living* magazine. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Melinda Myers' many accomplishments include starting the *Master Gardener* program in Milwaukee County, two *Garden Media Awards* (a *Garden Globe Award* for radio talent and a *Quill and Trowel Award* for her television work), both from the *Garden Writers Association*, the *American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award* for effective and inspirational communication, and she was the first

woman inducted into the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation Hall of Fame. Visit with Melinda on her website, [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

I bought this book to complete my Midwest Garden book collection. I thought it is a superb resource for myself being a beginner to intermediate gardener. I really enjoyed the section on composting, as I want to begin doing that this year. The detailed zone maps are my favorite resource, the pictures are lovely, and I love the organization of the content. It is easy to look up a plant description. But most importantly, this book is full of tips and tricks to grow a lovely garden.

Was looking for a book that would help me with my limited gardening skills. This is great - looking forward to putting some of the ideas to work

I like the book. It is a new area for me and the format of this book is new. I will get the hang of it soon. Pictures are great.

Very pleased with quality of information in this book. I believe it will be really helpful as I continue expanding my flower beds.

As an intern for the Master Gardeners group this book is very helpful in helping people with their questions about flowers, especially the native flowers.

Heard about it on Louisville talk radio and glad I ordered it. Very helpful and well written.

Excellent

Thank you.

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