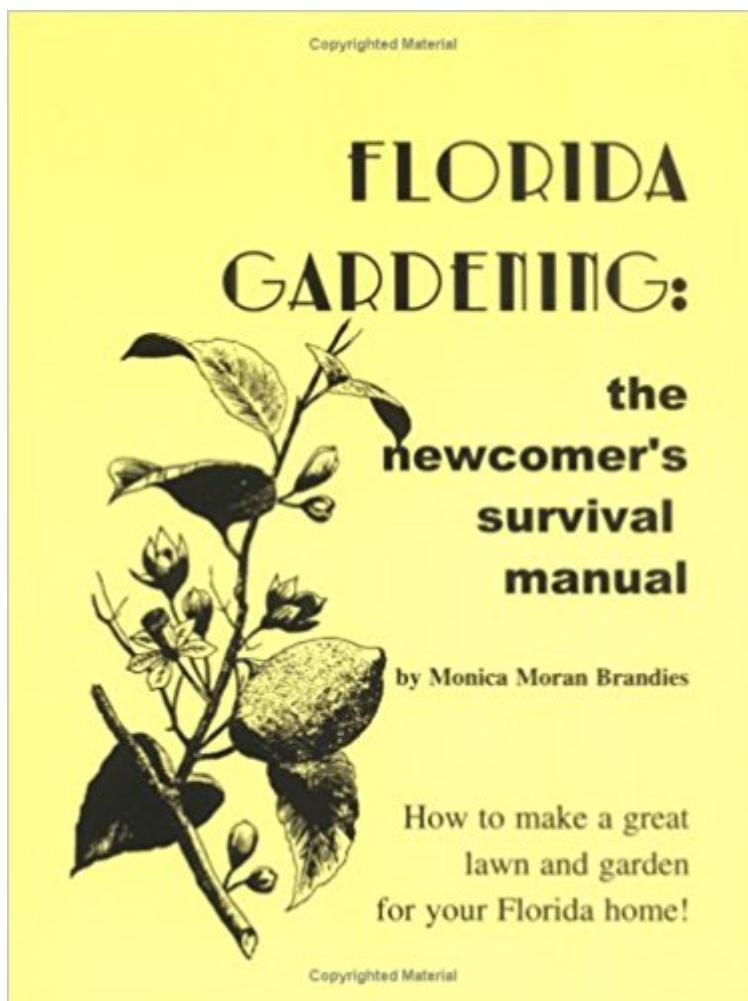


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# Florida Gardening : Newcomer's Survival Manual



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Now I'll be able to not only identify native plants but will know which of my favorites I can still grow vs the ones I'll have to not grow! Better to know before wasting time & money on plants that just don't do well. I'll trade my raspberries for blackberries!

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my husband. He loves gardening but is from the North East and is completely lost as to growing anything in Florida. He was excited about the book, so we'll see how helpful it is in the spring!

This book is so good. I read through it once and then went back with a yellow highlighter to mark things I want to refer back to. I would highly recommend this book. It will be very helpful when we move to Florida in a couple months.

I wasn't expecting much from this. It seems more like an overview. I read it in one night. It'll go on my bookshelf and probably end up going to the library.

Gift- no comment from recipient

You don't have to be new to Florida, or even new to gardening, to find this book useful. My copy is full of highlighted lines of information. The lists and tables throughout the book make a great resource to refer to often. What is even better is that most of these lists and tables are divided into north, central, and south Florida. Both general and specific information right at your fingertips in a very user friendly format without all of the "expert" jargon to confuse you.

This is an excellent primer for anyone moving into the Sunshine State. Monica Moran Brandies writes in a style that makes you feel like she's sitting across the table sharing a cup of coffee on a beautiful morning in Florida. She gives lots of easy to understand details on what soil you're dealing with and what plants can be used for success. She gives lots of information on both vegetable gardening and plants so there is something in this book for everyone. It's the best book on Florida gardening that we have found so far.

Transplanting to Florida is frustrating for gardeners. They have to learn about the upside down year and become acquainted with exotic plants. Too many give up when success is just around the

corner. I wrote this book after making the adjustment myself and still refer to it for the charts on growing fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc. It also addresses Florida landscaping for year round outdoor living. Give a copy to any friend or neighbor who is new on the scene.

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