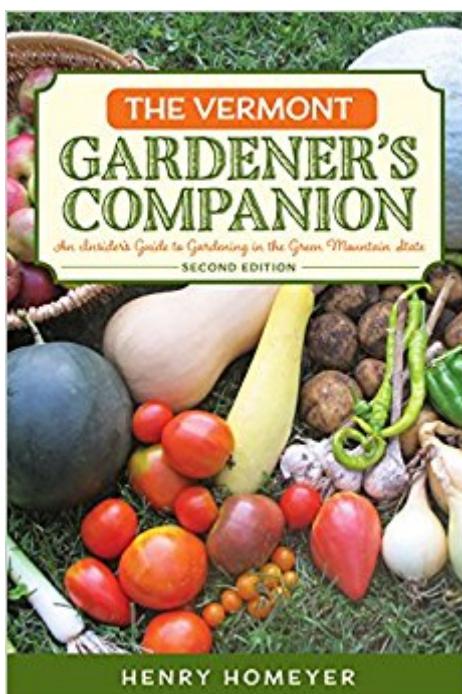


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# **Vermont Gardener's Companion: An Insider's Guide To Gardening In The Green Mountain State (Gardening Series)**



## Synopsis

The Vermont Gardener's Companion tells how to get the most out of Vermont's short gardening season and details how readers can use organic methods to improve soil, deal with diseases and pests, and get better results with their plants in a state where "winter temperatures plunge far below zero and rocks left by the glaciers pop out of the ground each spring like bread from hyperactive toasters." With good humor and a natural teacher's gift for explanations, Henry Homeyer makes gardening fun and readily accessible to all.

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Grow a garden bountiful and beautiful! The Vermont Gardener's Companion is the only guide focused on the challenges of cultivating a successful garden in the Green Mountain State. Whether you are an experienced green thumb or a curious novice, whether you live in the Green Mountains or along Lake Champlain, this easy-to-understand guide will help you grow bountiful vegetables, abundant flowers, and lush lawns. You will learn:

- What's in your Vermont soil and how to improve it
- How to stretch the state's short growing season
- The best high-performance plant varieties for your climate
- Organic fertilizing and plant care approaches
- Ways to combat pests and plant diseases unique to the state
- Local sources of hands-on assistance with gardening questions
- Information on great public gardens and places to buy unusual plants, such as the showy lady's slipper
- Tricks from accomplished Vermont gardeners
- In short, how to succeed as a cold-climate gardener

Henry Homeyer is a University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension master gardener with more than fifty years' experience in organic gardening. He is a freelance writer whose weekly gardening column is carried by a dozen New England newspapers; associate editor of People, Places and Plants magazine; and author of Notes from the Garden (University Press of New England), selected as one of the best gardening books of 2002 by the Christian Science Monitor. Once a month he broadcasts on Vermont Public Radio as "the gardening guy," once or twice a year he appears on an hourlong call-in gardening show on New Hampshire Public Radio, and he often speaks to garden groups, such as the Boston Flower Show.

Excellent introduction to gardening in our short-growing-season state for the newbie. I followed a number of his recommendations about soil testing & amending, with good results, and also the chapter on lawn care. Inspiring.

This book actually has helpful information for both beginners and experienced gardeners- already a hard thing to do. Even better, it really talks about gardening in zone 3. Most books about the NE, even the ones about Vermont, talk about zone 4 and 5- big difference. This is one of the best books I own for "how to" in the really cold parts of the state. Thanks!!

Lots of good info specifically for Vermont growing conditions. It can be hard to find gardening info that takes into account our short growing season.

Great...my daughter has been looking for a book like this. It will be a big help with her garden. C. Vande Burgt.

I look forward to the Sunday edition of the Rutland (VT) Herald just to read Mr. Homeyer's latest take on gardening. I am always pleasantly surprised by how pertinent his articles are to what I am experiencing in my garden at the moment. I use it as a reference during the winter months to get a heads up, especially in January, for the next season.

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