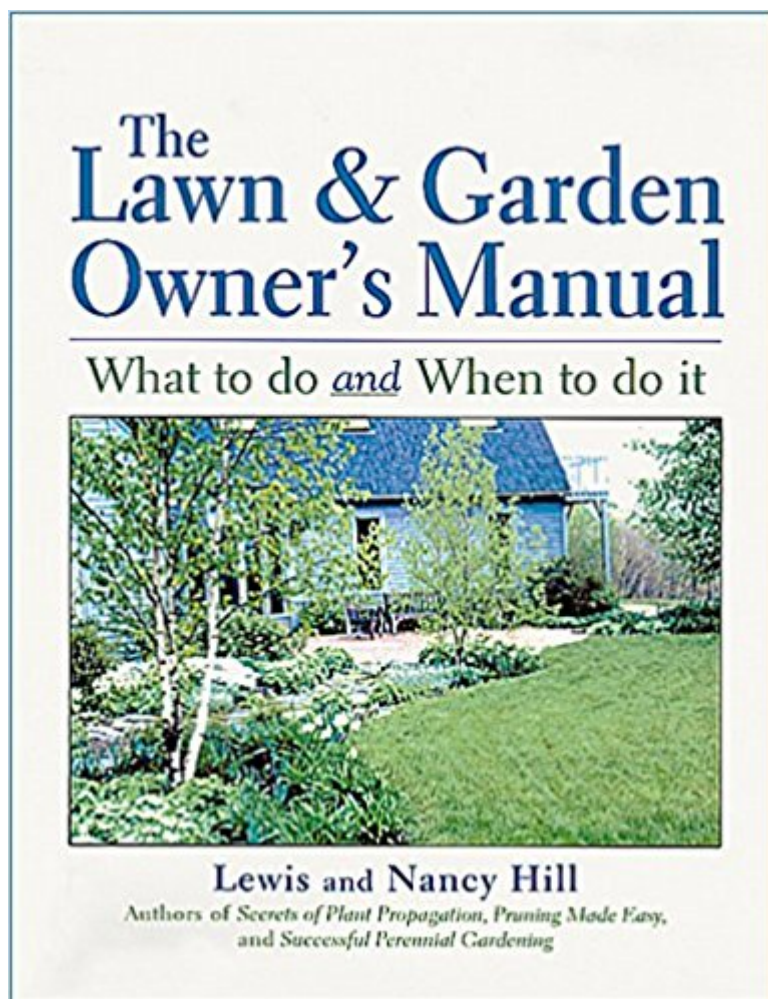


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The Lawn & Garden Owner's Manual



Synopsis

Create and maintain a picture-perfect home landscape. Veteran gardeners Lewis Hill and Nancy Hill show you how to use their through-the-year calendar to stay on top of regular tasks, plan more challenging projects for your climate's mildest months, and protect your plants from seasonal pests, weather, and disease. Their troubleshooting guides will help you quickly identify and easily solve a host of common issues that plague both shrubs and blossoms, so that you can spend more time enjoying your home's immaculate landscape.

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Customer Reviews

Full of useful information on refreshing tired-out lawns and gardens, *The Lawn and Garden Owner's Manual* is a terrific, comprehensive guide to ongoing care and maintenance of those long-suffering lawns, fruit trees, and ornamental trimmings. Emphasizing care of plants that are already installed and in need of some tender loving care, there are lots of helpful charts and calendars to help you time your tasks properly. Troubleshooting areas are especially helpful for the lawn--you'll learn just how to fix those spots of patchy growth or yellow grass. Plant choices are aimed at providing attractive, low-maintenance options for all types of growing conditions. From grasses to vines, you'll find lots to update your existing lawn. There's both organic and chemical solutions to pest and disease control. The authors caution you never to expect an instant fix for long-term problems--rather than being discouraging, this tactic will be reassuring to novices. There's lots of insight provided into why all these types of upkeep are necessary, and questions like "is pruning

really worth it?" are answered in a straightforward manner. Whenever possible, replacements are offered for high-maintenance areas such as enormous lawns or disease-prone roses, and these replacements are often more attractive than the originals. Plenty of eye-pleasing color photos round out this handy, colorful addition to the gardening shelf. --Jill Lightner

Part 1 of the Hills' book is organized by 10 seasons--from early spring to late winter--offering tips on yard and garden care throughout the year. The authors list what routine chores should be done and what projects should be started in each time period. Part 2 gives detailed information on lawn care and on planting and caring for perennials, ground covers, ornamental grasses, vines, shrubs and hedges, roses, evergreens, deciduous trees, and fruit trees. Part 3 deals with soil improvement and the prevention of damage from severe weather and animals. The text is augmented by 75 color photographs and black-and-white line drawings. George Cohen

This book is really a good quick reference book for a wide variety of lawn and garden care topics. Part 1 is a handy calendar that tells you when to do basic maintenance and when to start projects. Part 2 gives details on the topics covered in part 1. I checked this out from my local library and liked it so much I've now purchased a copy for use as a year-round reference. If you're looking for in-depth details and landscape design inspiration, that isn't what this book is for. But it does give you a nice list of titles in that direction. This book would also be an excellent starting point for lawn and garden beginners.

After reading all the positive reviews here, I waited in anticipation for this book's arrival. Unfortunately, it did not live up to my expectations. Gardeners in the West or Southwest will find little-to-nothing about their area in this book, since it concentrates mainly on the North and South. Try Sunset's "Western Garden Book" instead. Looking for in-depth lawn care information? You won't find it here! Get Stuart Franklin's "Building A Healthy Lawn" instead, which has no glossy pictures, but provides more information on lawns. This book misses the mark on garden design inspiration, too. There are so many other, better books on this topic as well. Mainly geared to the neophyte gardener who has just moved or inherited a garden, "The Lawn and Garden Owner's Manual" lacks detailed coverage on subjects that serious gardeners crave.

This book is a must have, especially if you do NOT know where to begin with your lawn and garden or are unsure of what to do or how to do it. It is very well organized and does not over-whelm you

with too much information at one time. Yet, it teaches you how to do to it all. I have been through almost every lawn/garden book on the market for help and none come close in quality to this one.

As an avid gardener, this book was great! Step by step, season by season guide to gardening and things that should be done and how to do them. Very straight forward and great pictures! I have quite a number of gardening books, but this one is one of the best.

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