**Recommended Resources: Get the Most From Your Vegetable Garden**

We’re covering a lot today, but there’s always more to learn, and who can remember it all anyway? Here I’m listing a few resources that I’ve found helpful. There are hundreds more!

**BOOKS:**

Steve Solomon: *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades*, Sasquatch Books.

Probably the best regional guide to growing vegetables.

Eliot Coleman: *The New Organic Grower, Winter Gardening Handbook,* and more.

These are written for more of a small farm scale, but have lots of useful information and innovative techniques.

Grace Gershuny and Joseph Smilley: *The Soul of Soil*.

Good primer on soil science and health.

Other authors: Carol Deppe, Michael Philips, John Jeavons, Joel Salatin. Acres USA is a great resource for finding and purchasing relevant books.

**SEED COMPANIES:**

**Wild Garden Seed**: Frank Morton breeds excellent seed for salads and more out of his farm

in Philomath

**Adaptive Seeds**: Sarah Kleeger and Andrew Still traveled to Europe to exchange and collect

seeds, and founded a seed company with what they brought back. Specializing in unusual varieties and cold-tolerant vegetables.

**Fedco**: A seed cooperative in Maine with an entertaining catalog, diverse seed sourcing, and

excellent prices

**Johnny’s**: Large seed company in Maine with excellent quality and selection and an

incredibly informative catalog and website.

**SUPPLIES:**

**Dripworks** has an informative catalog and website, lots of irrigation options, and also many

garden planning tools.

**Peaceful Valley Garden Supply** has all the supplies you need to grow organically and lots of

informative videos.

**Naomi’s Organic Farm Supply** in Portland has knowledgeable staff and a wide range of

well-researched products.

**Concentrates** in Portland is similar to Naomi’s.

**TCCA Farm Store** in Cloverdale and Tillamook carries several organic amendments and is

able to order many more.

**ORGANIZATIONS**:  
**OSU Extension** and **OSU Small Farms Program** have lots of locally applicable online

resources. Also check out **Washington State Extension**.

**Oregon Tilth** has a long list of resources for organic farming and gardening at their website.

**Mother Earth News** has lots of good articles and resources.