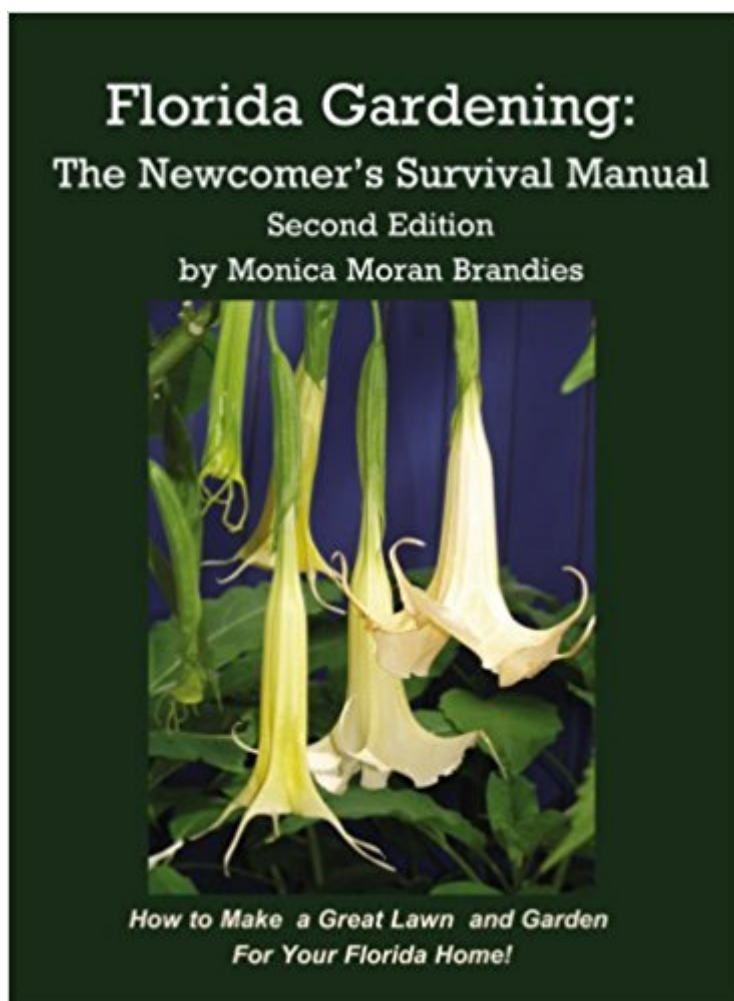




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Florida Gardening: The Newcomer's Survival Manual, Second Edition



Synopsis

Even experienced gardeners who move to Florida need help in coping with their new landscape and garden. The climate, soil, plants, and pests are so different from those in other places that the old techniques won't always do the job. Neither will garden guides written for a northern climate. Here is a garden guide written just for Florida. This new edition is greatly expanded but has Monica's friendly, informative advice, just as it always did. Avoid mistakes and take a quick path to garden success. This book tells how to prepare for the move, avoid costly mistakes, evolve a landscape plan, make the right lawn and landscape choices, turn Florida sand into rich garden soil, use mulches and native plants to reduce labor and water, grow your own veggies and fruits, and decorate your home, patio, pool, and garden with amazing Florida plants.

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Customer Reviews

Monica Brandies, who has been gardening all her life, is the author of many books and the co-author of several. Her articles often appear in Florida Gardening Magazine, and are featured weekly in the Brandon (Florida) News. She is a popular lecturer to garden clubs and groups. Her other books include Herbs and Spices for Florida Gardens, Xeriscaping for Florida Homes, A Cutting Garden for Florida, Shade Gardening for Florida, The Florida Gardener's Book of Lists, and Landscaping with Tropical Plants.

I am a horticulturist and after moving to Florida, I was looking more for plant books for Florida. But

once I started to garden here and saw a copy of this book in the library, I wanted my own copy. I enjoy Ms Brandies' style, and reading it is like going over to a friend's yard and being taught how to garden. I highly recommend this book, even if you have gardened in other places, since much of what we used to do, changes here.

If you are a gardener and have just moved to Florida, this is the first book you should read! I lived in northern Ohio, zone 5, and have been a gardener for over 30 years. When I moved here less than a year ago I knew I needed to learn a whole lot of new stuff. My first stop was the library and that is where I found Monica Brandies books. This book is the first gardening book that I have ever read cover to cover. I love the way she writes and she makes it easy to learn. I now have most of her books.

When I got this book I wanted to want to send it back but no can do. It is a decent book even for a Master Gardener from Colorado, not a \$20 book, but a good, well priced book full of important info. This book will cut your learning curve when you move to S Florida. FYI: I have the beautiful plant shown on the cover Angel's Trumpet. OMG a show stopper! Got bugs? Yep! But so worth the fight and grows in semi-shade!

it was for my granddaughter and she loves it

Very good info, wish it was in color but still good

Now in an updated and expanded second edition, "Florida Gardening: The New Comer's Survival Manual" by Florida gardening expert Monica Moran Brandies is the ideal instruction manual for newcomers to the Florida landscape and who want to enjoy the benefits of home gardening.

"Florida Gardening" will help aspiring gardeners to deal with Florida's sandbox-type soil, upside-down gardening year, muggy climate, and insects. Informed and informative, there are individual chapters dealing specifically with preparing for Floridian gardening generally, avoiding expensive mistakes, Florida plant material, exotic and common flowers, shrubs, trees, vegetables, fruits, container gardening, soil improvements, native and eco-friendly plants, and so much more. Written with flair, humor, and expertise, "Florida Gardening" should be considered as a prime and primary instruction guide for anyone wanting to create a lawn or grow garden anywhere in Florida.

I bought the first edition of this book over 5 years ago when we first owned our house in central FL. I have been an avid gardener in MA for many years but the climate, different soil/sand and new plants had me intimidated. Even though we have made trips down here once a year for the years since owning this piece of paradise we had to wait until 4 weeks ago to move for real and now my book is well read and falling apart from so much reading. Next weekend I'm excited to be going to Monica Brandies' home and garden for a tour and tea...about 2 hours from where my new home is and I can't wait to get a new copy of this same book and possibly others by her. Her advice is "down home" and she has been the newcomer herself so understands the fears and problem we newbies have. I can look up plants online or in other books to get the full color photos but her experience and advice are priceless!

. The cover has a luxurious picture of an angel trumpet tree, and the inside has only a few photos, and in black and white! It is not at all what I expected, and sadly, proves the old saying, "You can't tell a book by its cover". I rarely return items, but I don't even want this book in my library.

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