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Melinda Myers : Month-by-month Gardening In Minnesota before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Month-by-month Gardening In Minnesota:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very useful reference for northern gardeners of all types and experience levels.By Michael F. NelsonI learned about this book from fellow University of Minnesota Master Gardeners and have found it to be very useful for my personal gardening as well as for answering other gardeners' questions. It gives all the basics a beginning gardener needs to know whther it concerns vegetables, fruits annuals, pereniels, bulbs or tree care. But it also contains many very useful suggstions for the gardener with considerable experience.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good for timing, Poor for organicsBy Joshua R FreezeThis looks like a good book for general timing of preparation and planting up here in the north, far from my native Texas where I had two or three growing seasons per year. I am disappointed at the reliance on insecticides and herbicides. It isn't labeled an organic gardening book so I shouldn't be surprised. I was disappointed, though when the

first thing it suggested to prepare a plot for planting is toxic herbicides to kill the grass. It's more work to do it manually, but then you end up with a natural garden, rather than a plot full of poisons. I think this book will be useful for advice on timing, but if you're looking for organic gardening advice, you'll need another book. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. indispensable for getting up to speed quickly

By K. Hughes
This book is great if you want to hit the ground running. It is comprehensive, covering lawn care, trees, gardening, houseplants, vegetables and more. Its clearly organized so it is easy to use. It tells you what you should be doing NOW, so you can get up to speed very quickly without getting overwhelmed by too much information. As a life-long apartment dweller, I was starting from complete ignorance when I bought a house and had to learn right away how to care for my lawn and existing landscape plants. This book was *indispensable* and my constant reference during my first two years of homeownership. I still refer to it regularly for timing issues and the helpful tips specific to our MN conditions. Thanks to this book I haven't killed a single one of the plants that came with my house.

Suggestion for future editions:
Currently the book is organized into sections according to plant type (annuals, bulbs, herbs, lawn, trees, etc), and then the months of the year are found within each plant section. I have found when using the book, I will read about April, for example, for each of the plant types, so I am skipping all over the book looking for all of the April listings. In future editions, I think it would be helpful if the editors reorganized the sections so that a reader could go to a given month, and then each plant type would be in successive pages within "April". The content has been GREAT and, despite my suggestion above, the book is easy to use in its current format.

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. Book retailers are well aware that the trend in gardening books is to regional titles that provide credible information on the plants that perform well in specific regions. Month-by-Month Gardening in Minnesota is written for Minnesota gardeners who want to know how to properly care for their gardens and the correct timing for successful results. Each chapter is comprised of monthly plant-specific information. This book covers landscape and vegetable gardens and is appropriate for beginning to intermediate gardeners.

About the Author
Myers is a nature and gardening writer whose specialty is attracting wildlife, especially birds, to the garden. She contributes regularly to the magazine Birds and Blooms, and lectures widely on creating gardens that please both human and avian visitors. She is also a teacher and consultant, with over 20 years of experience in the field of horticulture.