

Name of the Tool

The Park Gardener's Handbook

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Park Seed website. At the top left is the Park Seed logo with the tagline 'Superior Germination Guaranteed!' and a 'GMO FREE' icon. A search bar is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with categories: VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, SEED STARTING, PERENNIALS, HERBS, FRUITS, SUPPLIES, GARDEN LIFE, and SALE. A promotional banner reads 'EXTRA 20% OFF THE FALL CLEARANCE USE CODE FALLSALE HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR GARDENERS SHOP NOW'. The main content area features a 'The Park Gardener's Handbook' section with a photo of various root vegetables and a 'SHOP Direct-Sow Seeds' button. Text below the photo says: 'Need help getting started growing your Park seeds and plants? Our horticultural staff has assembled quick tutorials on some of the most frequently-asked questions about growing plants. Just click on the topic you need! And if you have a specific question, don't hesitate to give us a call toll free at 1-800-845-3369 or for local calls use 1-864-330-2003. Happy gardening! Gardener's Handbook Topics: Garden Library Articles: Create a Stunning Combination, Grasses for Every Garden, Edible Flowers, 3 Sisters: The Original Companion Planting, Seed Starting, Caring For Flower Bulbs, Planning an Organic Garden, Storing and Preparing Broccoli, How to Grow Potatoes, How to Grow Daffodils, How to Grow Blueberries. Gardener's Handbook: Sowing Seeds Indoors, Germination Indoors, Growing Seedlings Indoors & Transplanting, Care After Transplanting, Sowing Seeds Outdoors, Winter Care of Your Garden, Planning Next Year's Garden. When Your Plants Arrive: Perennials, Fruits & Berries.'

Logo



URL

<http://parkseed.com/gardeners-handbook/a/10/>

Subject

Gardening- Handbooks, manuals, etc.

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Jackson & Perkins®

Brief History

Introduced in 1997, by J&P Park Acquisitions, Inc., this series offers helpful tips for growing big, healthy crops of home vegetables and herbs. Each one focuses on the most up-to-date information concerning germination, planting, care, harvesting, diseases, and any other useful tidbits.

Scope and Coverage

This handbook presents its content by following main categories under which the sub categories are represented:

- Garden Library Articles
 - Growing Tips & Planting Guides
 - Know Before You Grow
 - Gardener's Handbook
 - When Your Plants Arrive
 - Other Helpful Links
- The **garden library articles** includes titles like, “Create a Stunning Combination”, “Grasses for Every Garden”, “Edible Flowers”, “3 Sisters: The Original Companion Planting”, “Seed Starting”, “Caring For Flower Bulbs”, “Planning an Organic Garden” etc.
- The **Growing Tips & Planting Guides** is related to the Flowers, Vegetables, and Perfect Plant Pairings.
- The Know **Before You Grow** makes available the entire series of “Know Before You Grow articles” available on ParkSeed.com.
- The **Gardener's Handbook** includes the following articles:
- Sowing Seeds Indoors
 - Germination Indoors
 - Growing Seedlings Indoors & Transplanting
 - Care After Transplanting
 - Sowing Seeds Outdoors
 - Winter Care of Your Garden
 - Planning Next Year's Garden
- **When Your Plants Arrive** includes Perennials and Fruits & Berries.
- Other Helpful Links includes “Glossary of Garden Terms”, “Success With Seed”, “the Official Blog of Park Seed”.

Kind of Information

Under the category named “**Garden Library Articles**”, there are many articles. One of these articles titled “How to Grow Strawberries” gives following information:

- ❖ Small introduction;
- ❖ **Necessary environment needed:** In this article it is said that for growing strawberries the following things are needed:
 - Excellent drainage
 - Nutrient-rich soil
 - Regular moisture
 - Full sun
 - Warm weather
- ❖ **The methods of cultivation:** The article has mentioned following methods:
 - The Hill or Mound Method
 - The Matted Row Method
 - The Spaced Row

The growing tips and planting guides category provides tables of flower planting guide & growing tips, vegetable planting guide & growing tips.

The **Gardener's Handbook** provides many articles among which the article named “Sowing Seeds Indoors” provides following directions on how to sow seeds indoors:

- Planning
- When to Sow
- Seasonal Benchmarks
- Preparing Seed Flats
- Sowing Indoors, Medium Seed
- Sowing Indoors, Tiny Seed
- Sowing Indoors, Large Seed
- Sowing in Park-Starts® or Park's Bio Dome Seed Starter

Special Features

- The hand book is connected to other helpful links named
Glossary of Garden Terms;
Success With Seed;
The Official Blog of Park Seed;
- The handbook is linked to social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and others.
- Live chat can be possible by sending email.
- There is an e-catalog for easy browsing.

Arrangement Pattern

There is an alphabetic arrangement of categories. But the arrangement of titles under each category is not specific. The following screen shot shows it :



Gardener's Handbook
Sowing Seeds Indoors
Germination Indoors
Growing Seedlings Indoors & Transplanting
Care After Transplanting
Sowing Seeds Outdoors
Winter Care of Your Garden
Planning Next Year's Garden

Remarks

This handbook is a help tool which provides information regarding the park seeds and plants. The horticultural staff has assembled quick tutorials on some of the most frequently-asked questions about growing plants. The handbook is really helpful to find relevant information.

Comparable Tools

- Handbooks of Farmers
(<http://farmer.gov.in/farmerhandbooks.html>)
- Commercial Tomato Production Handbook
(<http://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.cfm?number=B1312>)
- Hand Book of Agriculture
(<http://www.icar.org.in/en/node/871>)

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