



*Book Review:*  
*No Green Thumb Required!*  
*Organic Family Gardening Made Easy*

By Don Rosenberg  
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The main thesis of Don Rosenberg’s self-published manual—that organic gardening at home can be easy—also includes a major focus upon families. Rosenberg maintains “home gardening is a project where everyone can participate,” even the kids. In fact, most chapters in the book contain “Kid’s in the Garden” tips appropriate to children of all ages. The book, written to support the author’s local Instant Organic Garden business that installs raised bed gardens, has value beyond merely educating and helping his customers. Its real value lies in how it methodically shares earth-saving ideals and lays out easy-to-implement principles for growing organically. Chapter 11’s extensive “Garden Planner” offers detailed planning, layout and planting instructions for crops easily grown locally and nationwide, including the best heirloom varieties. Also detailed are helpful and educational tips for four-season gardening, how to maximize space and minimize labor—even how to grow the right quantity for one’s family size, thus eliminating the age old problem of too many Zucchini all at once! Written in easy-to-understand language, *No Green Thumb Required!* is a practical manual any inexperienced wannabe gardener can understand and appreciate. Rosenberg targets the novice with limited time, limited space and, likely, few gardening tools. Although a list of which hand tools needed to manage the garden is not included, this manual seems one of the few required besides a watering can and a basket to hold the harvest!  
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