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# The Suburban Micro-Farm: Modern Solutions For Busy People



## Synopsis

Less Lawn to Worry About. Less Money Spent at the Grocery Store. Take Gardening to the Next Level. Would you like to grow healthy food for your table? Do you want to learn the secrets of farming even though you live in a neighborhood? Author Amy Stross talks straight about why the suburbs might be the ideal place for a small farm. In these pages you'll learn: How to make your landscape as beautiful as it is productive Why the suburbs are primed with food-growing potential How to choose the best crops for success Why you don't need the perfect yard to have a micro-farm How to use easy permaculture techniques for abundant harvests If you're ready to create a beautiful, edible yard, this book is for you. Bored with the lawn? Love to garden? Learn how to turn your suburban yard into a suburban farm with Amy Stross' concise, detailed and well organized how-to garden manual. -Erik Knutzen and Kelly Coyne, authors of: The Urban Homestead and Making It: Radical Home Ec for a Post Consumer World Amy Stross has not only written a helpful book, but an important one too. Suburbia is ripe with healthy and delicious food-growing potential. Amy shows us how to tap this potential by sharing practical tips gleaned from her own experience as a micro-farmer on one-tenth of an acre. Get ready to feel both empowered and inspired! -Roger Doiron, Founding Director of Kitchen Gardeners International

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## Customer Reviews

Don't let the word "Farm" in the title intimidate you! This book is for anyone who wants to include more home-grown food in their lives, and she offers strategies for all levels and a variety of circumstances including urban, suburban, and rural living. Amy's writing is direct, practical, and insightful. She understands the challenges we face in trying to add growing food to our already busy lives. She offers suggestions and strategies based on her own experiences, and her years of working with communities and individuals trying to expand their home-grown food production. Amy's book is not only full of in-depth information, she offers links to her supplemental materials to get you started, keep you organized, and stay on track. In her introduction ..".at the core of this book is my strategy for developing a plan, prioritizing tasks, and keeping records. I'll share my process for organizing my micro-farm - along with a host of supplemental materials - to help you confidently turn your dream of a productive yard into a reality." The downloadable, supplemental materials will guide you in planning what to plant and when, utilizing checklists and monthly calendars to stay on track, and keeping records. Having read many "Homesteading" books over the years, I am usually disappointed as the author attempts to cover a broad subject without adequate depth of information to be truly useful. That is not the case with Amy's The Suburban Micro-Farm. Amy offers in-depth information on Soil Development, Growing Vegetables, Micro-farming fruit, herbs, seed-starting and planting, edible landscaping principles, permaculture principles and practical applications for the suburban homesteader and so much more! This book has rekindled my excitement and enthusiasm!

Not encyclopedic, but it's not meant to be. Rather, is chock full of ideas, examples, plans, and enough detail for my use. The author's own sunshine seems to warm the pages. Terrific book for homeowners, even veteran permaculture greenthumbs.

Excellent overview and encouragement to the aspiring suburban gardener. The supplemental materials she mentions in the book are VERY helpful for record keeping. Some of the info is a basic introduction and more detailed information can be had elsewhere, but all in all a great book for a gardener to get started with--and presented in the scale that most of suburbia has to work with, making it a practical perspective.

Wow! Amy shares so much information in her book, *The Suburban Micro-Farm*. As an experimental gardener with a small lot, I found the information in this book to be extremely useful and easy to implement! It's a very thorough coverage of how to sustainably garden and grow your own food on your land, and I was very impressed. Thanks to Amy, I've begun converting our front yard into a beautiful place full of flowering and useful herbs, as well as vegetables! Oh--one more thing: compost was addressed too. For some, compost can be confusing! This is a great book, and if you want to do more with your land, no matter what size property you have, this is the book for you!

This book is focused on what the author terms a Micro-Farm. It discusses how to develop healthy soil, how to choose what vegetables to grow, and how you can extend the growing season. Other topics include growing fruit and herbs on a small farm. In the second part of the book, it focuses on organization, seed starting, and ways to maintain and harvesting your produce. I find this book to be very thorough. It is easy to read and understand. The information contained in this book, is for the beginning gardener and the experienced. There are many tips and suggestions throughout the book that can benefit anyone looking to create a productive organic garden.

this is a nice book but not much different from the others. easy read

Practical, useful and easy to follow information to kick off your gardening hobby, or step up from a couple beds to a micro-farm.

I'm cautious about buying books online. I asked my library to consider purchasing *The Suburban Micro-Farm*. They did immediately, and I borrowed it within two weeks. I liked what I read so well that I ordered this book, too. Excellent.

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