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Most Common Misconceptions Garden Gimmicks And Be A Garden Detective

Podcast Notes from Interview with Randel Agrella, Horticulturist
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- Companion planting is often overrated - there isn't any real data showing that it really works.
- Planting by certain holiday dates:

For example: Easter - the date moves from year to year there can be a 30-day difference. Instead - learn the last and first frost dates for your area.

Garden Gimmicks:

- Maintain Nursery Beds - keep a small bed near the house and plant seedlings with the intention of transplanting them to the larger garden when big enough or when the original plants die.
- Keep doing this throughout the growing season pulling out old plants and replacing them with newer seedlings from your nursery beds. You can double your yield in a season!
- Root crops don't transplant well. Those are better started in their dedicated spot.

Be A Garden Detective!

- New gardeners need to learn how to look for the subtle details of what the plants in the garden are telling them. A good gardener develops keen observation skills.

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Example: How to identify problems with tomatoes:

Lower leaves yellow...what does that mean?

If its early in the season - the plant probably need nitrogen.

If its later in the season - It might be a blight problem - but usually the signs for blight is the leaves dry and shrivel up from the bottom up.

Note: In my latest book *“My Garden Journal: A How To Garden Book For Kids”* - there is sections in the journal pages asking you questions so you know what to look for in your garden.

Click this link to find all available stores links: <https://books2read.com/My-Garden-Journal>