



Gardening at the Shore

Frances Tenenbaum

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Creating a garden in a coastal area can be daunting, even for those who have mastered the techniques of inland gardening. Wind, sand, salt, and scorching sun all combine to create a unique set of challenges. Frances Tenenbaum, who has gardened for decades on Martha's Vineyard, knows these challenges intimately and has learned how to meet them. Whether you garden on the cool, foggy Pacific Coast, the New England and Mid-Atlantic shore, or the warm southeastern Atlantic Coast, the techniques in this book will enable you to create a lush, welcoming garden that can brave the elements.

As Tenenbaum admits, it took her years of experimentation to learn how to garden successfully in coastal conditions. Luckily, you don't have to relive her failures: the answers are right here.

STORY IDEAS

- Focuses on the physical aspects of coastal areas that all seashore gardeners must deal with: creating windbreaks; planting in sand; preserving dunes; coping with violent storms and erosion; dealing with invasive plants.
- Offers advice from designers and experienced seashore gardeners about what works and what doesn't when you're struggling to get those first few plants established

FRANCES TENENBAUM is the legendary garden editor of Houghton Mifflin's series *Taylor's Guides to Gardening*. Among her edited volumes are *Taylor's Guide to Seashore Gardening* and *Taylor's Guide to Shade Gardening* as well as *The Dictionary of Gardening* and the *Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*. She holds a Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and a Communication Medal from the American Horticultural Society, and is a Fellow of the Garden Writers Association and Member of the Garden Writers Association's Hall of Fame. A board member of the Friends of the Cambridge Library, she instituted the Secret Gardens of Cambridge program and produced a book of the same name.

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