

Time to Plant Your First Fall Garden

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Okay, let's be honest here for a second. We all know that no matter what 'safeguards' for the consumer Congress comes up with, those crooks on Wall Street will figure a way around it and keep ripping us all off. This last financial meltdown was certainly my 'Come to Jesus' moment and made me realize that this whole economic boat we're all floating on could capsize in a second. (Or even a nano second thanks to computers!) Which brings me back to the importance of vegetable gardens.

I read in the Wall Street Journal that there was a moment last year when the banks considered stopping ATM payments? Could you just imagine what would happen if people suddenly could not go to the supermarket and buy food? My grandparents would know what to do as supermarkets were a fancy new innovation to them. But what about us? We only know chicken under a plastic wrapper in the refrigerator. I remember my grandfather going out in the back yard and deftly grabbing a chicken and wringing its neck in one quick flick of the wrist. I couldn't do that now of course. But really we all need to know how. This house of cards we all live in could come tumbling down any second. And the people who survive it will be the ones with the 'home farms'. That's a new term that's catching on. The 'home farmer' revolution. It's not just about growing vegetables, it's also about creating value added products like 'Aunt Maw Maw's Chutney' that you can sell in Farmer's

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