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## **I LOVE TO LIVE IN THE GARDEN!**

I like full sun, and good drainage—but not sandy soil. I like a good winter chill, and some warm summer days. I like to have a good drink of water when it is hot—so don't forget about me! If you see me start to set seeds, cut those off. Sometimes I forget that I am supposed to make stalks and not seeds. You can give me some high nitrogen fertilizer when the ground is starting to thaw out to get me going in the Spring.

### **HOW MUCH CAN I GIVE FOR YOUR PIES AND PRESERVES?**

I am a two year old plant—so you can harvest about half of my stalks this year. Just grab the stalk at the base and give a gentle twist—or trim with shears. Remember don't eat my leaves! Yuck!

Always leave me with a few stalks so I don't die.

### **THEN WHAT?**

At the end of summer I will die back (lose my foliage). Just pull off the dead leaves and stalks and throw some mulch (chips, bark, compost—whatever is handy) on me to winter me over. Every 4 years you may want to divide me up. Just dig up my roots in the fall and split some plants off for you or a friend, and plant part of me back.

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