



Terms to Know:

Foliar feeding is a technique of **feeding** plants by applying liquid fertilizer directly to their leaves. Plants are able to absorb essential elements through their leaves. The absorption takes place through their stomata and also through their epidermis.

Aeration-This is the act of loosening soil or compost to let air circulate.

Biennial-Plants which take two growing seasons to complete its growth cycle are biennials.

Direct Seed-Simply means to grow crops and plants from seeds planted directly in the soil.

Germinate-This is the beginning process of plant growth where seeds sprouts and form structure.

Heirloom Seeds-Seeds from fruits which were open-pollinated or pollinated through natural means. They are valued for the same traits they have with the parent plants.

Hydrophilic-having a tendency to mix with, dissolve in, or be wetted by water

Hydroponics-A method of growing plants without soil. Plants are grown in water with mineral nutrient solutions.

Layering-A propagation method where a branch of a plant is encouraged to root while it is still attached to the plant.

Perennials-Plants which live for more than two years.

pH-This is used to measure the acidity or basicity of the soil. Since the acidity or basicity of the soil affects microorganism activity.

Propagate-The act of growing new plants either from seeds or through other plant parts like cuttings.



Thinning-In seed starting, it is the removal of excess seedlings especially the less healthy ones to allow for growth room. It is also the removal of certain branches of trees or bushes to give it an open structure.

“Deadheading”-removing spent flower blossoms.