

Gardening Cheatsheet

Terminology

- Annual: a plant that completes its life cycle in one growing season
- Perennial: a plant that lives for more than two years
- Biennial: a plant that takes two years to complete its life cycle
- Compost: decayed organic matter used as a soil amendment
- Mulch: a layer of material applied to the soil surface to conserve moisture and suppress weed growth
- pH: a measure of soil acidity or alkalinity
- Fertilizer: a substance added to soil to provide essential nutrients to plants
- Pruning: the process of cutting back plant branches or stems to promote healthy growth
- Propagation: the process of reproducing plants from seeds, cuttings, or other means

Tips and Tricks

- Choose plants that are well-suited to your climate and soil conditions
- Plant at the appropriate time of year for your location
- Water your plants deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root growth
- Use natural pest control methods like companion planting and beneficial insects
- Use mulch to conserve water and suppress weeds
- Prune your plants regularly to promote healthy growth and improve appearance
- Test your soil pH regularly and adjust as needed with lime or sulfur
- Consider composting to create nutrient-rich soil amendments for your garden

Resources

- [Old Farmer's Almanac](#) (gardening tips and resources)
- [Gardenate](#) (planting calendar and gardening tips)
- [Burpee](#) (seeds, plants, and gardening supplies)
- [Gardening Know How](#) (gardening advice and resources)
- [The Spruce](#) (gardening tips and how-to guides)
- [Garden Web](#) (community forum for gardeners)