

BASIC GARDEN TERMS

ANNUAL: A PLANT THAT COMPLETES A LIFE CYCLE IN ONE GROWING SEASON
EXAMPLES: GERANIUMS, TOMATOES, MARIGOLDS

BIENNIAL: A PLANT THAT SPENDS ITS FIRST YEAR GROWING AND PRODUCING STEMS & LEAVES. IT BLOSSOMS IN THE SECOND YEAR AND DIES.
EXAMPLES: CARROTS, FOXGLOVE, HOLLYHOCK

EVERGREEN: PLANTS THAT HAVE GREEN LEAVES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR. LEAVES FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON ARE NOT SHED UNTIL THE NEW FOLIAGE IS COMPLETELY FORMED.
EXAMPLES: AZALEAS, LEYLAND CYPRESS, HOLLIES

DECIDUOUS: PLANTS THAT SHED THEIR LEAVES ANNUALLY
EXAMPLES: MAPLE TREES, FORSYTHIA, DOGWOOD

TREE: A PLANT HAVING A PERMANENTLY WOODY MAIN STEM OR TRUNK, ORDINARILY GROWING TO A CONSIDERABLE HEIGHT, AND USUALLY DEVELOPING BRANCHES AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE GROUND.
EXAMPLES: OAK, PEACHES, BRADFORD PEAR

SHRUB: A WOOD PLANT SMALLER THAN A TREE, USUALLY HAVING MULTIPLE PERMANENT STEMS BRANCHING FROM OR NEAR THE GROUND.
EXAMPLES: BOXWOOD, JUNIPER, SPIREA

VINE: ANY PLANT HAVING A LONG SLENDER STEM THAT TRAILS OR CREEPS ON THE GROUND OR CLIMBS, BY WINDING ITSELF ABOUT A SUPPORT OR HOLDING FAST WITH TENDRILS OR CLASPERS.
EXAMPLES: CLEMATIS, IVY, MORNING GLORY

HERBACEOUS: A FLOWERING PLANT WHOSE STEM DOES NOT PRODUCE WOOD TISSUE & GENERALLY DIES BACK AT THE END OF EACH GROWING SEASON.
EXAMPLES: DAYLILIES, HOSTA, CHIVES

GROUND COVER: LOW GROWING PLANTS PLANTED ANYWHERE TURF IS DIFFICULT TO GROW
EXAMPLES: LIRIOPE, PACHYSANDRA, PERIWINKLE

PESTICIDE: A CHEMICAL PREPARATION FOR DESTROYING PLANT, FUNGAL OR ANIMAL PESTS

HERBICIDE: A CHEMICAL AGENT USED TO DESTROY OR INHIBIT THE GROWTH OF PLANTS, ESPECIALLY WEEDS

FUNGICIDE: A SUBSTANCE, EITHER A SPRAY OR DUST, USED FOR DESTROYING FUNGI

INSECTICIDE: A SUBSTANCE USED FOR KILLING INSECTS

PRE-EMERGENT: A WEED PREVENTER THAT'S APPLIED BEFORE WEED SEED GERMINATES. CAN BE USED IN BOTH LANDSCAPE BEDS & IN THE LAWN—CHECK LABEL FIRST FOR APPROPRIATENESS. WITH LAWN PRE-EMERGENTS, SOMETIMES THERE IS A WAITING PERIOD BEFORE YOU CAN RESEED.

POST-EMERGENT: HERBICIDES THAT KILL EITHER WEEDS & GRASSES THAT ARE ACTIVELY GROWING.