



Learn About Gardening

Read the following information to discover the answers to the crossword puzzle.

Gardening is a fun and productive way to spend a spring or summer day. Gardening comes in many forms: from planting a single flower in a pot to digging up an area in your yard to plant a large vegetable garden. No matter how you choose to garden, there are steps you should take when planning a garden. First, decide if you will plant annuals, which are plants that need to be replanted very year, or perennials, plants that come back each year. You can find both vegetables and flowers that are annual and perennial. Examples of annuals are marigolds, potatoes, carrots, and broccoli. Examples of perennials are asparagus, peonies, daffodils, and rhubarb.

You want to make sure you have good soil. Adding compost, or organic material, to your soil will help your plants grow. If you are planting before the last frost, start with the seedlings inside. Then, when it is warm enough, you can transplant, or move, your plants to your pots or gardens. You can also just plant, or sow, your seeds directly in the garden after the last frost. Once the seedlings germinate, or sprout, you can always thin the plants to make them stronger. Be sure to water your garden regularly. You can mulch around the plants to help your plants stay moist.

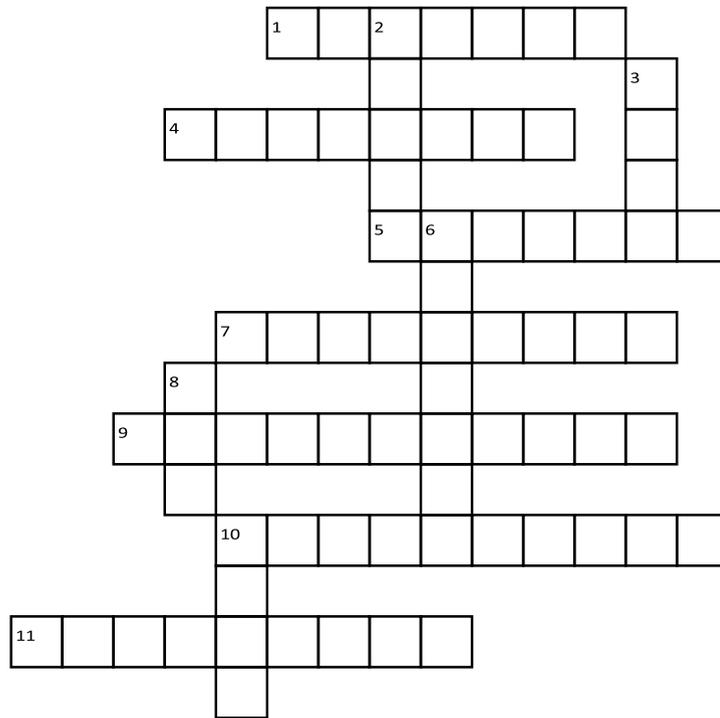
Besides, sun, water, and good soil, bees are great garden helpers. They help move pollen from one plant to another, which is called pollination. Planting flowers can help attract bees to your garden. You may also find that butterflies and hummingbirds visit your garden as well. Planting vegetables can also be fun. When they are ready, you can harvest them and provide food for your family.

Happy Gardening!



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Gardening Crossword Puzzle



Down:

2. Material that is spread around the plants and on top of soil for moisture control
3. Garden Pollinators
6. Plants that last only one year and need to be replanted the following spring
8. To plant the seeds in the soil
10. To remove a number of flowers, buds, or sprouts to improve yield

Across:

1. Organic material that enriches the soil
4. Seed variety that is passed down through generations
5. To bring in the crops
7. Plants that return year after year
9. The transfer of pollen from one flower to another
10. Move seedlings from inside to pots or a garden outside
11. To Sprout

Answers: Down: 2. Mulch 3. Bees 6. Annuals 8. Sow 10. Thin Across 1. Compost 4. Heirloom 5. Harvest 7. Perennial 9. Pollination 10. Transplant 11. Germinate