# Gardening Strategies Field Guide

How many of these can you find in your neighborhood?



# **Sprinklers**

Sprinklers are a tool that is used to help automatically water an area in one go.

#### Stakes

Used to help a plant grow and stabilize, they are especially used when a plant is top-heavy, preventing the plant from falling over.



Fences are typically used to protect plants from organisms that may try to eat them.

### Trellis

A structure that is created to help support plants. In particular, it is used to help climbing plants grow by allowing them to have a structure to hold on to while it grows. It is typically used to grow plants that otherwise would not be able to stand up on their own, such as grapevines.

## Mulch

Any type of material that is laid over the surface of the soil to cover it. Some examples of mulch are leaf litter, wood chips, grass clippings, and small rocks or stones. Mulch can be used for many purposes, decoration, to help maintain soil moisture, provide nutrients to the plant, or stop other plants from growing in the area that it is laid over.