

## **Winter Gardening Club 4-H – Culinary Herbs**

### **Basil – annual**

1. Sow seeds and cover with ¼ inch of fine soil.
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Seedlings emerge in 7-14 days.

### **Chives (Common) - perennial**

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### **Chives (Garlic) - perennial**

1. Sow seeds and cover with ¼ inch of fine soil.
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Sprouts in 5-10 days.

### **Cilantro – annual (Chinese Parsley)**

1. Sow seeds and cover with ¼ inch of fine soil
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Seedlings emerge in 14-21 days

### **Marjoram – annual**

1. Sow seeds and cover with ¼ inch of fine soil
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Seedlings emerge in 14-21 days

### **Oregano – perennial**

1. Sow seeds and BARELY cover with fine soil.
2. Keep evenly moist.
3. Seedlings emerge in 10-21 days

**Parsley – biennial**

(seeds were soaked in water for 24 hours before sowing to aid germination)

1. Sow seeds and cover with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of fine soil.
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Germination in 14-28 days.

**Rosemary – perennial**

1. Sow seeds and cover with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of fine soil.
2. Firm lightly and keep evenly moist.
3. Seedlings emerge in 14-21 days.

**Thyme – hardy perennial**

1. Sow seeds and THINLY cover with soil.
2. Keep evenly moist.
3. Sprouts in 8-10 days.

# Jobs to do at Home

1. Check the progress of your seeds every day. Follow the directions for watering and proper care.
2. Purchase some red wine vinegar and olive oil. Fill a bottle with red wine vinegar and fill another bottle with olive oil. Be sure the bottles have tight fitting corks or tops. (You can also just purchase a small bottle of red wine vinegar and a small bottle of olive oil)

## Bring to Class on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Jiffy Windowsill Greenhouse. Put on the plastic dome to protect your herbs from the cold.
2. Notebook or folder to keep your papers in order.

# **Planting Seeds for Herbs**

1. Fill peat pots in the base tray/flat with seed starter mix.
2. Gently water each peat pot until it is moist and water drains through the holes.
3. Plant seeds according to seed packet directions and cover lightly with seed starter mix.
4. Cover with plastic dome and place in a warm location away from direct sunlight. Warm soil temperature is necessary for germination.
5. When first seeds sprout, prop dome open.
6. When all seeds have sprouted, remove dome and place in a cooler but sunny location. Herb plants must have bright light to produce flavorful sprigs.