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**The Miramar Community Garden Presents Free Lecture Series on Organic Urban Farming**

The City is hosting a series of free lectures on the second Wednesdays of the month at the Miramar Branch Library located at 2050 Civic Center Place. Avid gardeners and beginners will benefit from the essential concepts of urban farming and how to apply this knowledge to specific growing strategies and techniques in our South Florida climate.

The first lecture on "The Basics of Soil" will be held on Wednesday, February 8 from 5:30-7:45 PM; it will provide an introduction to soil science in an easy to understand format. Topics covered in this lecture will include soil structure, soil microbiology, soil nutrients and the basic diagnosis of common plant nutrient deficiencies.

Presenter Miguel Afonso, founder of The Urban Farm Guru, is an expert in Aquaponics, Permaculture, Food Security Planning, Vertical Growing, Roof Top Gardens, Bioshelters and Urban Food Production. The Urban Farm Guru's objective, through teaching, consulting and implementing sustainable urban food production systems is to contribute to the establishment of energy efficient, food secure and ecological sound urban centers. Miguel can be reached at Miguel@urbanfarmguru.com; more information at [www.urbanfarmguru.com](http://www.urbanfarmguru.com).

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For more information on this and future Miramar Community Garden events, go to [www.ci.miramar.fl.us/green/garden](http://www.ci.miramar.fl.us/green/garden)

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**THE BASICS OF SOIL**  
**Miramar Branch Library**  
**2050 Civic Center Place,**  
**Miramar, FL 33025**  
**Wednesday February 8th**  
**5:30pm – 7:45pm**



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