Why Save Seeds

Gardeners have been saving seeds for decades. Today much of that knowledge has been lost. When you grow and save your own seeds you:

- Develop seed stock that is adapted to your planting zone.
- Save money.

As Master Gardener Volunteers, we explore our deep horticultural roots to learn about the land on which we live the importance of preserving its beauty. We do not take without giving back, whether its form the Earth or in our own community. We strive to preserve the natural beauty of our community while sharing our love of gardening.

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Borrowing Seeds

The seeds you borrow from the Seed to Sprout xChange are lent to you at no financial cost. A commitment to growing plants from seeds is a important. We hope that you learn , experience the joy of gardening, and enjoy the produce of your labor.

At harvest time take time to save seeds for other. We ask that a portion of the seeds you save be returned to the seed lending location. This will help to ensure that the Seed to Sprout xChange will continue.

New to seed saving?

Start with seeds that are labeled "easy." These seeds are great for beginners and produce plant like the ones you planted.

Recommendations:

- Basil
- Beans
- Beets
- Carrots
- Lettuce
- Parsley
- Peas
- Peppers
- Spinach
- Sunflowers
- Tomatoes

How to Borrow Seeds

1. Find several seed packets you would like to borrow.
2. Fill out a Check-Out form and list the seeds you borrowed.
3. File your Check-Out form in the membership box.
4. Plant your seeds.

How to Return Seeds

First, read any seed saving materials provided by the library, or call the Knox County OSU Extension office for further details.

Once you have collected seeds from your easy-to-save crops, set aside saome for yourself and some for the Seed to Sprout xChange.

Place the seeds in clearly labeled containers or in the originally seed packets borrowed from the xChange.

Bring your labeled seeds to the library. Place them in the return box beside the seed library.

How to Donate Seeds

- Place seeds in a clearly labeled container.
- State on the container the plant name and variety.
- Provide a picture of the plant if at all possible.