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# How to Use the Seed Library



We're so excited you want to be part of the Pleasant Grove Seed Library community! Our goal is to spread the love of gardening and increase local food security.



# **Seed Planting and Sharing**

## Step 1: Select

Browse and decide which seeds you are going to plant for the season.

If you are new to gardening, pick seeds that are listed as easy to grow, such as beans, peas, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Choose seeds that are heirloom and open-pollinated as they naturally pollinate and have been kept for generations. They are the easiest plants to save seeds from and you can keep growing them year after year and create a self-sufficient garden!



## **Using the Seed Library**

- Please don't take more than 5 packets of seeds per household per growing season.
- Use the checkout binder to write down your last name and how many packets you took so we can keep track of inventory.
- Donate seeds using provided donation forms and bring your seeds and form to library staff.

### Step 2: Sow

Follow the instructions for your chosen seeds. Pay close attention to when to plant and how deep to plant. Some plants do best or even require you to plant indoors first before transplanting outdoors after the last frost date. For Pleasant Grove, this will be late April or early May.

## Step 3: Share

While enjoying in your harvest, save seeds from your strongest, healthiest, and tastiest plants to grow in your garden next year and to help us keep our seed library going!

Save seeds by cleaning and allowing

them to fully dry before storing. For plants with seeds that grow in pods or on the outside of the plant, allow the seeds to dry on the plant and collect



them before they break open.

For plants with seeds that grow

inside the flesh of the fruit, the seeds will need to be rinsed off and dried thoroughly.

Ensure your seeds are clean and dry before donating them to the library. Fill out a donation form and bring it along with your seeds to library staff. Donations are encouraged but not required.

Cultivating and caring for a garden is extremely fulfilling! It provides unforgettable bonding experiences with the family and also creates a sense of personal achievement.

Thank you for participating in our seed library!