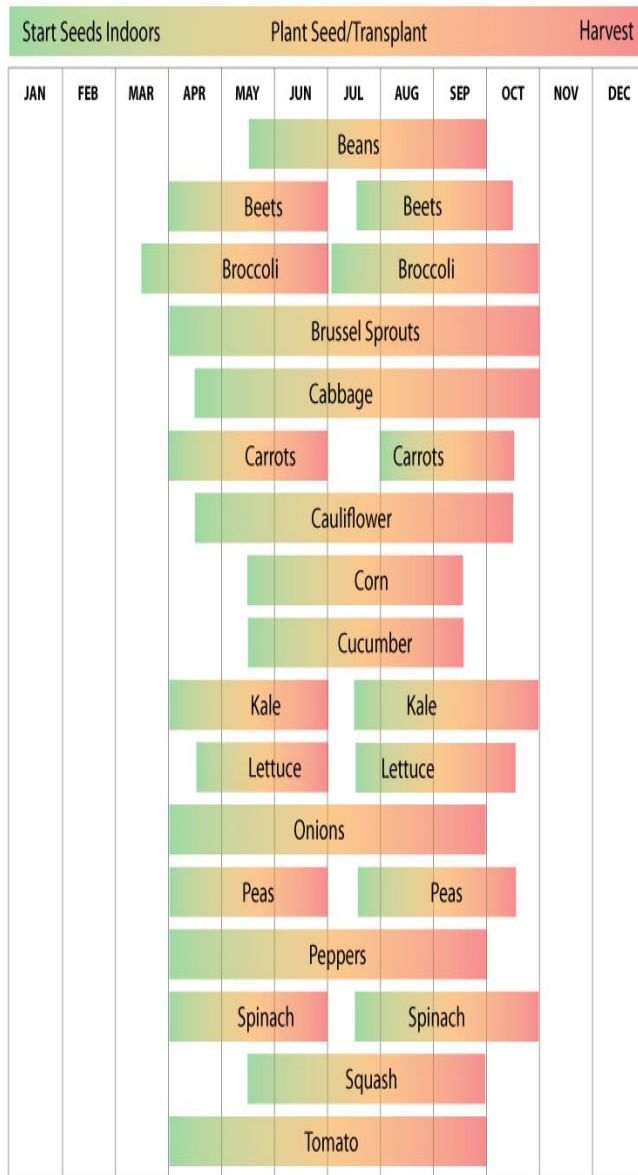


Planting Chart



Indoor seed starting tips:

- Use a quality seed-starting mix, not soil
- Plant seeds in old TP rolls and egg cartons
- Provide heat and direct light
- Keep the surface moist until seedlings start

Resources

Websites:

- Seedsavers.org
- Howtosaveseds.com
- Seedalliance.org

Books:

- *The seed garden: the art and practice of seed saving*, by Micaela Colley 631.5 Colley
- *Survival seeds: the heirloom seed saving handbook*, by M. Bronson 635 Bronson
- *Seeds and propagation*, by Susan McClure 635.04 McClure
- *Rodale's ultimate encyclopedia of organic gardening*, 635.04 Rodale
- *Roots, shoots, buckets and boots*, by Sharon Lovejoy 635.08 Lovejoy
- *Jack's Garden*, by Henry Cole, E Cole

Magazines:

- *Rodale's Organic Life*
- *Mother Earth News*
- *Grit*

Apps:

- Garden time planner by Burpee
- Gardroid vegetable garden
- GrowIt!

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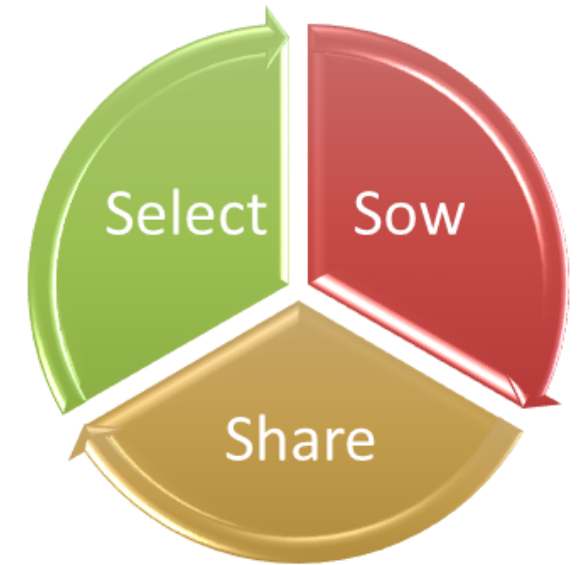
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Tamarack Seed Library

Opening spring 2016



The Seed Library provides a way for local gardeners to share seeds and gardening tips.

Participants enrich our community through promotion of healthy lifestyles and preservation of heirloom and heritage seeds.

Let's get started together!



Step One: Select

Browse through our collection of donated Open Pollinated and Heirloom seeds.

Open Pollinated are seeds that naturally pollinate and have adapted to our local growing conditions over time. Heirloom seeds are varieties that have passed down through many generations in a family or community.

If you are a beginning gardener, select just a few packets, concentrating on seeds that are categorized as “easy”. These include bean, pea, lettuce, and tomato.

Sign up as a participant in our Seed Library program, then use your library card to “check out” the seed packets. You might also want to browse our gardening books to learn more about your seeds and soil.

Step Two: Sow

When you get them home, keep your seeds dry until ready to plant. Follow planting instructions for each variety, noting when and how deep to plant. A chart for planting in our area is included on the back of this brochure.

Some plants have to be started indoors and transplanted after the last frost date. In our area this is May 15th.

Gardening is a great outdoor family activity and a way to reduce the stress of a long work day. Caring for plants and watching them grow is a very fulfilling activity.

Share your photos with us to let us know how you are doing. We would like to send you a follow up survey to let us know how your seeds grew.



Step Three: Share

Help us keep our seed library going! If you would like to save seeds to share back to the library, make sure to save seeds from your strongest, tastiest and most vigorous plants.

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. These include flowers, herbs, beans, carrots.

For plants with seeds that grow inside the flesh of the fruit, the seeds will need to be rinsed off and dried thoroughly. These include tomato, watermelon and squash.

Save some seeds for yourself, and return a portion back to us, and watch our community grow!