COMMUNITY, SHARE

WYNDHAM SEED LIBRARY

GROW, THRIVE

SHARE SEEDS AND SELECT DIFFERENT SEED VARIETIES TO PLANT IN YOUR OWN GARDENS, SCHOOLS OR COMMUNITY GARDENS.

The Wyndham Seed Library aims to build food resilience and promote sustainable gardens by supporting the local community to share seeds and grow their own produce and habitat gardens.

Membership and seeds are free!

The Seed Library is currently at **Point Cook**, **Manor Lakes**, **Tarneit** and **Werribee Libraries,** as well as the **Library Pop-Up Van**

Visit a Seed Library location to collect 1 seed packet per month for free.

After growing in your garden, harvest and return seeds for others to borrow. This will help us keep the Seed Library thriving. Donating seeds allows you to collect up to 3 additional free seed packets per month!

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Tips for Saving Fruit and Vegetable Seeds

The easiest seeds to save from your garden are cucumbers, beans, peas, capsicum and tomatoes. These fruit and vegetable seeds self-pollinate (instead of requiring pollen from a different flower to do the job) and are low-maintenance when it comes to the storing process.

How to Save Bean & Pea Seeds

You'll know it's time to harvest the seeds from your bean/pea plants when the pods are dry, turning brown, and starting to open. Remove dry pods from your plants and allow the seeds to dry for two weeks on waxed paper before shelling. Store shelled seeds in an airtight container until you are ready to plant.

How to Save Cucumber & Tomato Seeds

The time to save seeds is when the fruit on the plant is ripe. While you're harvesting fruit from the plant set aside a few specifically for harvesting seeds. Remove the pulp with seeds and place them in a container. Then add a small amount of water to the container, enough to cover the number of seeds and pulp you have. Let the mixture ferment for two to four days at room temperature, making sure to stir occasionally. After a couple of days, the dead seeds will float to the top. When the good seeds sink to the bottom, pour out the pulp. Rinse seeds off with water and place them on waxed paper. Leave to dry for a week. Store dry seeds in an airtight container until ready to plant.

How to Save Capsicum Seeds

Harvest capsicum seeds when the fruit is completely ripe; most varieties will turn red and begin to shrivel. At that point, remove seeds from the fruit and let them dry on waxed paper for two to four days. Then, place dry seeds in an airtight container until ready to plant.

How to Save Flower Seeds

Perennial seeds are ready to harvest after the flowers are done blooming and petals have fallen off. Cut flower head with scissors or a knife. Collect the ripe seeds from the flower head and place on waxed paper. Allow the seeds to dry for about a week. Clean the seeds by removing any husks or pods. Place seeds in an envelope and seal. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dark, dry location.