

Osborne Seed Library

The Seed Library is a free program to encourage gardening and local food production. We offer seeds and education through gardening programs. By saving seeds you are preserving heirloom varieties and protecting biodiversity in our food crops. It's also a step toward community resilience and self-reliance! Borrowing seeds from our library will also allow you to experiment by growing new varieties of plants.

Returning Seeds:

Each November the Seed Library will be open for you to drop off your saved seeds.

We welcome you to bring seeds that you have harvested and/or purchased. Seeds are to be:

- Dry and no more than two years old.
- Heirloom/heritage or organic (no hybrids please).
- From fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs.

If you have never harvested your own seeds, these websites can help you get started:

Seed Savers Exchange - www.seedsavers.org/Education/Seed-Saving-Resources/

Seed Alliance - www.seedalliance.org and howtosaveseeds.com

Pick up envelopes from Osborne Library or use your own.

Put your seeds in the envelopes:

- Large seeds: a pinch of seeds in each envelope
- Small seeds: two pinches of seeds in each envelope

Fill out and place a label on each envelope. Share as much information as you can. Seal the envelope. Bring your labeled seeds to the Library, so they can be entered into the Seed Library.

(If you are unable to pick up labeled envelopes from the library in advance and don't have your own, please bring the details to the right. You can transfer your seeds into labelled envelopes at the library.)

Borrowing Seeds

Each February, the Seed Library will be open for borrowing:

- The Seed Library operates on the honour system.
Select up to 6 packages from the seed collection (one pack/plant variety limit)
- Plant and harvest and save more seeds for yourself and the library!

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Common name:

Scientific name (if known):

Variety:

Year harvested:

Growing instructions
(spacing, sun exposure, soil type):

Please check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual	<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial
<input type="checkbox"/> Biennial	

<input type="checkbox"/> Flower	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicinal

Please let staff know if you are interested in receiving information about free gardening programs at Osborne Library. Programs are offered throughout the year, especially spring and fall.

*The Seed Library operates in partnership with **The People Garden of South Sustainable Osborne.***

