

Seed harvesting Instructions

A little advance planning will ensure your seeds produce new plants that are true to type and germinate well.

- **Step 1: Choose open-pollinated seeds.**
Avoid hybrids (often marked F1). They produce seeds, but the new plants may be very different. (All our heirloom varieties are open-pollinated.)
- **Step 2: Plant for growing seeds.**
Learn how your varieties are pollinated and which isolation techniques you may want to use. This could be as simple as choosing only one type of bean or tomato.
- **Step 3: Harvest and process right.**
Learn the right growth stage to collect your seeds. After harvest, most need only a little drying time. Tomato seeds need to ferment a little before drying (good, icky fun).
- **Step 4: Label, label, label!**
Include the variety and the date. If you have more than one variety of the same vege, be sure to label each when harvested.
- **Step 5: Store in a cool, dry place.**
Heat and humidity shorten seed life. A glass jar in a cool location or the refrigerator is great.

My 2019 seed checkouts

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For garden questions, contact the Rock County UW-Extension office (608) 757-5696 You will be put in contact with a Master Gardener volunteer.



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www.beloitlibrary.org

Clinton Public Library
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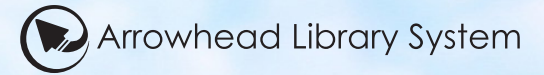
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Photos and plant descriptions courtesy of Fedco Seeds.



Heirloom Seed Library



Our Mission:

The ALS Seed Library encourages gardening and seed saving as a means of providing our community a fun and affordable source of nutritious sustainable food.

Why heirloom seeds

There are a number of reasons the ALS seed library chose heirloom seeds:

- Heirlooms have exceptional flavor and nutrition.
- You can save the seed from one year to the next because heirlooms are open pollinated.
- These varieties grow well in Wisconsin.
- The produce will ripen over a period of time; making for a longer harvest.



Borrowing basics

- **Step 1: Check Out**
Check out up to five seed packets.
- **Step 2: Cultivate**
Plant the seeds, let them grow, and enjoy your harvest!
- **Step 3: Harvest & Preparation**
Review the seed harvesting instructions.
- **Step 4: Save and Return Seeds**
Save a portion of seeds that you will plant next year, then label and return the remaining portion to the seed library to be checked out next spring.

Your help makes this program grow!

Additional resources

- www.als.lib.wi.us/seedlibrary.html
- Browse the library's selection of gardening books and resources.
- Check for gardening programs at your local library throughout the season.
- Contact the Rock County UW-Extension Office with garden questions. Call 608-757-5696 to connect with a Master Gardener volunteer.

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2019 Varieties Offered



Beans

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| Provider Bush | 50 d |
| high early yields, does well in adverse conditions, excel-lent for preservation | |
| Jade Bush | 56 d |
| great yields, beans will produce until late in the season | |
| Royal Burgundy Bush | 55 d |
| purple outside, disease resistant, green when cooked | |
| Kentucky Wonder Pole | 68 d |
| 6'-8', needs staking, very tasty & productive | |
| Dragon Langerie Bush Bean | 55 d |
| Purple and yellow pods | |



Herbs

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| Dill, Bouquet | 55 d |
| large ferns, use the leaves for dill weed | |
| Cilantro, Caribe | 55 d |
| use fresh leaves in African, Asian and Latin cooking; seeds are for coriander | |



Flowers

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| Sunflower, Mammoth Grey | 65 d |
| 5' tall, 8" flower, snacking, pollinator friendly | |
| Zinnia, Gold Medal Mix | 90 d |
| 30" tall, large vibrant dahlia type blooms, good for cutting | |



Peas

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| Lincoln Shell | 70 d |
| 3' tall, sweetest pea, great for fresh garden grazing | |
| Amish Snap | 76 d |
| 5-6' tall, juice and sweet | |



Peppers

These seeds need to be started indoors and then transplanted outdoors.

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| Pepper, Beaver Dam Hot | 80 d |
| 6" fruit, sweet with heat | |
| Pepper, King of the North | 70 d |
| Sweet, Blocky red bell type | |
| Jimmy Nardello Sweet Frying | 70 d |
| 8" sweet, red frying pepper | |



Tomatoes

These seeds need to be started indoors and then transplanted outdoors.

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| Amish Paste | 75 d |
| large 8 oz. paste tomato, great fresh & cooked | |
| Principe Borghese | 75 d |
| Cherry, De-terminate, fresh eating & drying | |
| Tiffen Mennonite | 86 d |
| large 13 oz. pink fruit, superb for sandwiches | |
| Cherokee Purple | 77 d |
| 10 oz. fruits, rich sweet flavor, dusky colored | |
| Garden Peach | 71 d |
| Juicy, sweet, fuzzy skin | |