

GET INVOLVED

Here are some ways you can help:

Promote the Library:

Let your friends and community know about the Seed Library and upcoming events. Join us on Facebook and sign up for Calendar Event notifications. If you have ideas about how to reach out to the community, help us out. We want to make this resource available to all.

Donate:

We need seed donations! Please consider saving and returning a portion of your seeds. This will help the Seed Library to be self-sustaining.

Grow a little extra:

Set aside space in your garden and grow a little extra this summer to help provide fresh, healthy, home-grown produce to those in need within Douglas County.

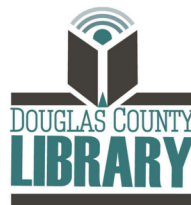
Learn more:

Visit your local farmer's market and talk to your farmers! Borrow books about gardening. They can be found in the nonfiction section at 635.

*Our seeds are free
yet they are priceless.*



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www.douglascountylibrary.org
(click on Services, Seed Library)
Phone: 320-762-3014

DOUGLAS COUNTY SEED LENDING LIBRARY

How to borrow seeds:

- You will need your Douglas County Library card to check out seeds.
- Each person can borrow up to 3 packets of seeds, limit 12 per family
- Choose the seed packets you would like and bring them to the Circulation Desk



Beets ●

Grow:

- Sow in row as early as ground can be worked
- Plant 1" deep in rows 18" apart
- When tops are about 6 inches tall, thin plants until remaining roots are 4 inches apart

Carrots ●

Grow:

- Carrots grow best in sandy loam soil
- After danger of frost, plant seeds directly into garden 1/4 - 1/2" deep
- When the largest seedlings are 3-4 inches tall, thin so that the remaining plants are about 2-4 inches apart
- Too much water or exposed roots can cause carrots to crack

Pumpkins ●

Grow:

- Choose an area with full sun after any chance of frost has passed
- Plant outdoors 1-1 1/2" in a hill 9 to 12 inches tall and 1 foot across
- Ready to harvest in fall when rind cannot be dented with a fingernail

Sweet Corn ●

Grow:

- Sow seed directly in the garden after all danger of frost is past and soil is warm
- Plant 1 seed every 4", then thin to 1 plant every 12" when plants are 4" tall
- For better ear fill, plant a number of short rows together not a single row

Cucumbers ●

Grow:

- Plant cucumber seed only after all danger of frost is past and ground is warm
- Plant outdoors 1/2" deep in full sun
- Plant at 3 week intervals up to midsummer for fresh cucumbers all season

Lettuce ●

Grow:

- Sow directly in garden as early as soil can be made fine and loose
- Plant seeds every 2" and cover lightly with soil
- Thin lettuce to 6" apart when they display 2 or 3 leaves
- As plants begin to crowd, pick individual leaves regularly for use
- Lettuce needs plenty of moisture

Winter Squash ●

Grow:

- Sow seeds directly the garden in spring only after both day & night temperatures are above 50 degrees
- Or start transplants 2-3 weeks before last frost
- Plant in fertile, well-drained soil
- Sow 5-6 evenly spaced seeds into 12" diameter mounds or "hills"
- Thin to the best 3 seedlings



Peas ●

Grow:

- Plant outdoors as soon as soil can be worked
- Plant 2-3" apart and 1/2-1" deep in rows 24" apart
- Plants perform best when supported by trellis

Green Beans ●

Grow:

- Soaking seeds overnight before planting will speed germination
- 4-6 weeks after last frost, plant outdoors 1/2-1" deep and 4" apart
- Pick early and often to encourage production

Radishes ●

Grow:

- Plant outdoors 1/2-1" deep in rows 12" apart
- When radish plants have 3-4 true leaves, thin seedlings to an inch apart
- Radishes exhibit best flavor when grown in cool weather and full sun. For mild radishes, add mulch and keep watered to speed growth

Seeds are in alphabetical order and color coded to show seed saving collection method

● = Easy

● = Advanced

● = Do not save seeds