

## 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 2018 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.



**Beloit Public Library**  
605 Eclipse Blvd. • 608-364-2905  
[www.beloitlibrary.org](http://www.beloitlibrary.org)

**Clinton Public Library**  
214 Mill St. • 608-676-5569  
[www.als.lib.wi.us/CPL](http://www.als.lib.wi.us/CPL)

**Eager Free Public Library**  
39 W. Main St., Evansville •608-882-2260  
[www.als.lib.wi.us/EFPL](http://www.als.lib.wi.us/EFPL)

**Edgerton Public Library**  
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**Hedberg Public Library**  
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**Arrowhead Library Sysetm**  
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*Photos and plant descriptions courtesy of Fedco Seeds.*



## 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](http://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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# Possible 2018 Varieties Offered



## Beans

- 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



## Herbs

- 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

- Sunflower, Summer Sensation**.....65 d  
5' tall, 8" flower, snacking, pollinator friendly
- Zinnia, State Fair Mix**.....90 d  
30" tall, large vibrant dahlia type blooms, good for cutting



## Peas

- Topps** .....60 d  
3' tall, sweet, superior for freezing
- Lincoln Shell** .....70 d  
3' tall, sweetest pea, great for fresh garden grazing
- Sugarsnap Snap** .....68 d  
5'-7' tall, vines, incomparable flavor
- Oregon Giant Snow** .....60 d  
3'-4' tall, vines need support, stir fry & fresh favorite



## Peppers

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

- Pepper, Beaver Dam Hot**.....80 d  
6" fruit, sweet with heat
- Pepper, King of the North** .....70 d  
Sweet, Blocky red bell type



## Tomatoes

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

- 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  
10oz. fruits, rich sweet flavor, dusky colored