

West Nyack Free Library Seed Exchange



What's a Seed Exchange?

A seed exchange is a place where you can borrow seeds for free.

You may be asking, “How can you ‘borrow’ seeds?” The basic idea is that you plant the seeds, let some go to seed, then return some of these next generation seeds for others to borrow. (Don’t worry: we don’t charge fines if you don’t return seeds.)

We encourage home gardeners to save seeds from the "super easy" plants: tomatoes, lettuce, beans, and peas.

Returning seeds is completely optional.

West Nyack Free Library’s Seed Exchange is located in the cabinet across from the Circulation Desk. You will need a West Nyack Free Library or New City Library card to “check out” our free seeds. Cardholders can check out up to three seed packets per week.

Periodically, the Library offers classes about gardening and seeds.

No fines or fees ever. Great for all ages!

Free Resources to help you start saving seeds:

- ◇ The Contra Costa Master Gardeners free e-book, [Vegetable Gardening: Handbook for Beginners](#).
- ◇ [A Guide to Seed Saving, Seed Stewardship & Seed Sovereignty](#) by The Seed Ambassadors Project 4th edition
- ◇ Richmond Grows Seed Library Video: [Seed Saving Peas and Beans](#)
- ◇ Richmond Grows Seed Library Video: [Seed Saving Tip: Maximize Genetic Diversity & Minimize Space](#)
- ◇ Richmond Grows Seed Library Video: [How to Save Tomatoes, Peppers & Eggplant](#)
- ◇ Richmond Grows Seed Library Video: [How to Save Lettuce Seeds](#)
- ◇ Cornell Cooperative or Rockland County: [Seed Starting Resources Handout](#)
- ◇ Cornell Cooperative of Rockland County: [Seed Starting Summary Handout](#)

Ready to donate seeds to our community? Please [print and fill out this template](#) so that we can properly repackage the seeds for distribution. Place the seeds in any envelope and bring the seeds and the completed template to the Circulation Desk. Thank you!

Thank you to our generous donors who have already helped make our Seed Exchange possible:

- Prairie Moon Nursery
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company
- Herman's Garden

Thank you to our fellow Seed Exchange librarians for their "sage" advice!

- Rebecca from the Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library
- Laurie from the Nyack Library Seed Exchange

