



Welcome to the Ashtabula County Community Seed Library!



How does it work?

Local gardening volunteers manage the Seed Library. We offer vegetable, herb, and flower seeds to the public in an attempt to: 1. make fresh food more available, and 2. build up a local community seed stock.

Step 1. Anyone is welcome to take seeds out from the library and plant them at home. Take as many packets as you think you will use. You don't need to register. Just take seeds.

How seeds are cataloged on the shelf

1. "Herbs & Flowers" are grouped separate. The rest are common vegetable families: "Squash Family," "Carrot Family," etc. Seeds that are not in these families are found under "Misc."
2. Within each family, the seeds are alphabetical by Common Name. All "Peppers" are together, all "Kales" are together, etc.

Step 2. Seeds you don't use, or have from other sources, feel free to donate back to the library. Donations are taken at the front desk.

Step 3. At the end of the growing season, collect seed from your plants and donate them back to the library!

What if I don't know how to save seed?

You are not required to save seed to participate in this program. It is highly encouraged.

Also, it's easy to learn! There are books, websites, and handouts that explain how to save seed from different plants. Ask a librarian for direction. AND, Red Beet Row, an education farm in Jefferson, teaches hands-on seed-saving classes every Fall.

(see website for classes and online resources: www.redbeetrow.com)

I just want to donate some seeds.

Great! We'd love to have them! We'll take any seed you have to donate. → Go to the front desk. Instructions and envelopes are there.

Join our Contact List!

Get updates from our seed library volunteers about local gardening events, changes that happen in the seed library, requests and needs, or other seed-related communication. Join us – get involved – help us keep up the seed library! Talk to the front desk.

Website: <http://www.redbeetrow.com/seed-library/>