

Seed Donation Instructions

Is the seed still in its original packet?

Is the date, name, and other identifying information legible on the packet?

If yes to both, you do not need to fill out an envelope – just give the packet to Library staff. If the label isn't clear and complete, please fill out an envelope.

Is this seed that you collected yourself?

Or that is not in its original well-labeled packet?

If so, please fill out the envelope with as much information as possible. You may not know everything, but please be as thorough as you can.

Please only donate seed that was properly collected, saved, and processed – try and remove as much chaff as possible; make sure seeds are dry. Save seed only from your best and healthiest plants. Donate seeds that you know how to save. We suggest you try germinating them to ensure you are contributing viable seeds for others (not required).

Envelope Instructions

Common Name: The general name you call the plant. Example, “Tomato”

Scientific Name: The Latin genus and species name. Example, “*Solanum lycopersicum*”

Variety: The particular type. Example, “Yellow Slicer,” or “Sweet Cherry”

Hybrid or Open Pollinated: Hybrid usually has labels like, “F1”- they are common store-bought seeds. Open pollinated varieties of plants are saved over several generations, and thus are more stable. If the seed is passed down in your family, it is open pollinated. “Heirloom” varieties are also open pollinated.

Harvester's Name: Your name, or whoever harvested the seed

Location of harvest: Be as specific as you like. At least put the city or township

Year harvested: The year the seed was collected.

Difficulty of seed to save: Easy or Advanced. A few plants will cross-pollinate if they are not saved correctly. The 2 most common families of these “Advanced” plants are the 1. brassica family (broccoli, cauliflower, kale, brussel sprouts, cabbage, mustards); and 2. cucurbit family (cucumbers, squash, melons).

If your seed came from the brassica or cucurbit family, please label it “Advanced.”

If it came from any other family, label it “Easy” (unless you have other reasons to mark it “advanced”).

Description & Notes: Please add as many significant details as you can – what the plant is like to grow, what conditions make it happy, what its fruit is like, anything notable. People who use your seeds will rely on what you've written to decide if this is a plant that they would like to grow. More is better.

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