Quick Guide to Harvesting

Seeds & flowers

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Seed Library Locations

- Keilor Library
- Sydenham Library

Flower seeds - Perennials

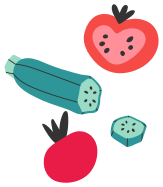
- **Cut the flower head** after the flowers have finished blooming and have turned brown,
- **Collect the seeds** from the flower head
- **Leave the seeds to dry** for 1 week in a clean paper towel or cloth
- **Clean seeds** by removing husks or pods
- **Store seeds** in an envelope, seal and add label and place in a dry, cool, dark location
- Plant seeds in spring

Watermelon and Melon seeds

- **Harvest seeds** when the fruit is ripe (seed varieties only)
- **Rinse seeds** in a strainer to remove all pulp
- **Dry seeds** for about a week, turning them daily
- **Store seeds** in an envelope, seal and add label
- **Place envelope** in an airtight container and keep container a dry, cool, dark location
- **Plant seeds** at the end of October

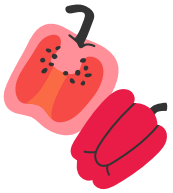
Bean and Pea seeds

- **Wait for pods** to dry, turn brown and start to open before removing seeds.
- **Allow the pods** to dry for two weeks before shelling.
- **Store seeds** in an envelope, seal and add label
- **Place envelope** in an airtight container and keep container a dry, cool, dark location
- **Plant seeds** in winter or early spring



Cucumber and tomato seeds

- **Save seeds** when the fruit on the plant is ripe
- **Remove seeds** and pulp together
- **Place in a container** and add enough water to cover the seeds and pulp
- **Leave for 2-4 days** at room temperature, stirring occasionally.
- **Dead seeds** will rise to the top
- **Good seeds** will sink to the bottom
- **Rinse off** the good seeds and leave them to dry for about one week
- **Store seeds** in an envelope, seal and add label
- **Place envelope** in an airtight container and keep container a dry, cool, dark location
- **Plant seeds** late September or October



Capsicum seeds

- **Harvest** when fruit is ripe and begins to shrivel
- **Remove seeds** from fruit and leave them to dry for 2-4 days
- **Store seeds** in an envelope, seal and add label
- **Place envelope** in an airtight container and keep container a dry, cool, dark location
- **Plant seeds** in spring

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Wet Vegetables and Fruits

Harvest when ripe

Clean

- Scoop seeds with pulp
- Place in container with water for up to 3 days
- Dead seeds will rise to the top
- Rinse live seeds in a strainer

Dry

- Allow seeds to dry for two weeks

Store

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Dry

- Collect the seeds from the flower head and leave the seeds to dry for 1 week

Clean

- Clean seeds by removing husks or pods

Store

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- Store in an airtight container and keep in a dry, cool, dark location