

# Seed Library Instructions for Patrons

## The Seed Library at Glen Cove Public Library — what you need to know!

**Who can check out seeds?** - Glen Cove Public Library cardholders.

**How many seed packets can I check out?** - 15 packets per year (limited to one packet of each variety)

### How do I check out seeds?

- 1) Be sure you've filled out a Glen Cove Seed Library member information form.
- 2) Choose the varieties of seeds you want to check out from the seed list and record them on your membership form.

Choose seeds that you enjoy growing/eating and don't worry if you can't save seeds at first. The idea is to get your hands in the ground and learn about growing your own food...saving seeds is fun and you can try your hand at it whenever you are ready!

- 3) Give your member information form to a Librarian, who will gather your seeds.
- 4) Go grow!

**Do I have to return seeds at the end of the season?** No. If you feel comfortable growing on to harvest, then saving your seeds for next year, please do!

Note: some seeds are easier to save than others:

Super easy seeds include:	Beans, Lettuce, Peas, Peppers and Tomatoes
Easy seeds include:	Flowers (mostly), Herbs, Cucumbers and Squash/Zucchini
Difficult seeds include:	Beets, Carrots, Corn, Kale and Parsley

We recommend that if you plan on saving seeds to choose easy or super easy seeds and to consider choosing only one variety in a family to ensure a crop of seeds that will be "true to type," For example, if you want to save seeds from a particular tomato, then grow only one variety to be sure that they won't be cross pollinated by another variety.

**Please note that that the Seed Library at Glen Cove Public Library offers no guarantee of quality, germination, or purity.**