



COST: There is no cost for borrowing seeds. We thank the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee and The Cottage Gardener for their generous donations to this program.

MEMBERSHIP: A library card is not required, but is encouraged.

CHECK OUT LIMITS: There are no limits to how many seeds or seed packages you can borrow in one day, one season etc. This is an honor-based system. Please take only what you will use this season.

RETURNS: There is no limit to how many seeds you must return to the library. What's important is that all borrowers commit to making a sincere effort to save some of their seeds this season. When returning harvested seeds leave them in the **Seed Donations** box.

QUALITY CONTROL: To maintain the quality of seeds in our library we encourage gardeners to focus on saving seeds from varieties that are easily saved. Easy seeds include lettuce, peas, beans, and tomatoes – these plants are self-pollinating. *How To Save Seeds* guides for these varieties are available.

DONATIONS: Seeds will be available from March to May, but donations of seeds are welcome any time. When donating seeds please provide as much information as you have about the seed history, including the year and location saved. Visit our website for free printable labels.

We accept all seeds and prioritize clean, mature seeds that, to the best of your knowledge, are organic and open-pollinated, or heirloom. Seeds of unknown or questionable origin and viability are still valued and will be used.

If you have any questions about *Need a Seed, Leave a Seed* please contact:

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