



Community Roots

Seed Exchange Program

9701 Manassas Dr., Manassas Park, VA 20111

How to Save Your Seeds - Dry

Method

(Typically used for beans, peas, or any plants that produce seeds in pods)

1. Allow pods on plant to dry out
2. Crack the pods open; for smaller pods, you can do this with just light pressure from your hands, for bigger pods put them into a pillowcase or sack and shake it until the pods crack open and the seeds fall out
3. Place seeds into a labeled envelope/jar

How to Save Your Seed - Wet Method

(Typically used for Tomatoes, Cantaloupe, Watermelon, or any plants with where sees are found in the flesh)

1. Try to separate the seeds from the flesh as much as possible by straining seeds and giving them a rinse
2. Put seeds into a bowl or cup and fill the bowl/cup with water. After a couple of days, the seeds and pulp will separate in the bowl/cup; healthy seeds will sink to the bottom, dead seeds and pulp will (mostly) float to the top.
THIS WILL TAKE A FEW DAYS, IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT
3. Drain seeds and separate any remaining pulp with a strainer
4. Leave healthy seeds out on a paper towel or baking sheet to dry overnight
5. Place seeds into a labeled envelope/jar