

Newcastle Seed Library

What is it?

The Newcastle Seed Library is like a regular library, yet for seeds. You can take home seeds for your garden, grow and return the same variety after harvest, and add other varieties of seeds to the library too.

Benefits

The Seed Library benefits individuals and the community. You can obtain free seeds for your garden and help build a collection of seeds for others.

Sharing seeds through the Seed Library will help preserve rare, tasty and historical varieties for gardeners in our community. Through the return of successful seeds, over time a collection adapted to local conditions (climate, pests, soils, etc) can be achieved, strengthening the biodiversity and food security of our local community.

Growing from the Seed Library is a great way to teach children about the life cycle of plants, while learning new seed-saving skills yourself.

How do I get involved?

Borrow - Members of Newcastle Libraries are welcome to access the seed library and take home some FREE seeds, just as they would borrow a book.

Grow, then harvest and share - After growing in your garden, harvest and return seeds for others to borrow.

More For Members

- Seeds are certified organic, non-hybrid and FREE for the community.
- You can obtain FREE seeds for your garden and help build a collection of seeds for others.
- Seeds can be used by individuals and the community
- You can learn new skills with our online video help series: *Save the right seeds, Prepare seeds for storage, Monitor seed quality and Grow from seeds.*

Volunteer - Become a volunteer and help support the Seed Library to grow.

Donate - All community members are encouraged to donate seeds for the Newcastle Seed Library. There is no obligation to return seeds, and sometimes growing from seed doesn't work out, but you are encouraged to have a go at learning seed-saving skills and contributing to the collection by taking an empty packet to fill.

Stay in touch

- Follow [Newcastle Seed Libraries](#) on Facebook for latest updates including workshops
- Join the [Newcastle Seed Libraries Facebook Group](#) to connect with other seed enthusiasts.