



Seed Saving



Collecting

Choose the healthiest plants to let 'go to seed'.
 Tie a ribbon around the plant you have chosen to remind yourself not to eat it or pick the flowers.
 Collect the seeds in the morning of a warm, sunny day, after the dew has lifted.



Storing

Store the seeds hung up in paper bags or paper envelopes. Once dry, remove the seed casings by blowing on the seed gently to remove the seed from the pod.
 For wet seeds such as tomato, ferment the seed in a small amount of water for a few days then rinse well until all the pulp has gone. Dry the seeds on tissue paper before storing.
 Store the biggest and cleanest seeds in a paper bag or paper envelope. They must be dry to prevent diseases.
 Write the name of the seed on the bag or envelope recording the details of when and why you saved your seeds e.g. biggest pods or hardiest, in your diary straight away.
 Store the seed in airtight jars between 10°C and 25°C if you are keeping the seed for a long period of time.



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