

SEED DONATION PROTOCOL

TO ENSURE THAT OUR PACKETS ARE ACCURATELY LABELED, AND THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS ACCESS TO THE HEALTHIEST SEEDS, WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES WHEN PLANNING TO DONATE:

1. SAVE FROM HEALTHY PLANTS

Although a disease may not get passed on through seeds, collecting from only the healthiest plants will ensure some selection for disease resistance.

2. SAVE FROM A NUMBER OF PLANTS

Save from a number of plants so that the seed will have some genetic diversity. Without genetic diversity, crops may experience a noticeable decrease in plant stature, overall vigor, germination, and yield over generations.

3. PUT A LITTLE SPACE BETWEEN VARIETIES

In order to produce seeds that are true-to-type, a little garden intervention is needed to prevent unwanted cross pollination between different varieties of the same species.

4. PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE

Please provide as much written information as possible about the seeds you are donating. We especially need the name and variety (ex. *Basil, Genovese* or *Fig, Black Mission*). Other helpful information includes whether the seeds are open-pollinated, heirloom, or hybrid varieties.

5. PROPERLY PACKAGE SEEDS

Place the clean, dry, and properly saved seeds in a labeled envelope, baggie, or jar that you are willing to part with.

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