



How To Store Seeds for Next Season



Temperature

Seed packets should be stored in a cool environment. While the refrigerator could be a good option, moisture may cause challenges. Find a cool, dry location for your packets and store in a sealed, but not air tight container.



Humidity

Humidity will create an environment for early germination of seeds. To avoid this, package all seeds in a non-air tight, but dry container. Use silica gel packets to help absorb any unwanted moisture.



Age

While some seeds have a longer shelf life than others, we recommend marking all seed packets with the date of purchase or date of initial storage (if saving seeds from your home garden). Germination can be easily tested by taking several seeds into a wet paper towel and placing under a light or windowsill, but rate of germination will decrease with age, so get those seeds in the ground while you can!

Tips

Use recipe boxes, a lidded organizer, or old filing boxes for sorting and storing your seed packets. If seed packets get exposed to the elements during planting, repackage in a new envelope for next year, and mark variety and date of purchase. Store your organizer out of sunlight.

