

AUGUST 2023

GARDENING TO DO'S

There's still time to plant!



On average, our first fall frost occurs on October 9 which means starting August 1, we still have 69 days for planting and harvesting. Look for seeds and starter plants that have less than 70 days to mature and harvest:

All of these seeds are available in our Seed Library!

Beets	50-70 days
Bush (Snap) Beans	50-70 days
Green (Bunching) Onions	50-70 days
Radishes	20-30 days
Spinach	45-50 days
Summer Squash	60 days
Zucchini	60 days

Didn't Use All of Your Seeds This Season?

Not to worry! If you keep seeds cool, dark, and dry, seeds will stay fresh for 2-5 years depending on the variety. Store them in resealable bags in a tote in your basement.

Meet us at the Market!

The library will have a table at the Marquee this summer. We will have calendars, summer reading sign-up, card registration, and our traveling seed library! Come say hi on the following dates:

- August 6
- August 13
- September 24
- October 15



Three Sisters Garden

For many indigenous communities, three seeds: bean, corn, and squash represent the most important crops. These vegetables are known as the "Three Sisters" due to their symbiotic relationship. Corn stalks serve as a trellis to climbing beans whose vines stabilize the corn in high winds; thereby avoiding nutrient competition of the sprawling squash vines.

Bean root systems add nitrogen to the soil—a much needed plant nutrient for all. The large squash leaves shade the ground to retain moisture and prevent weeds. Similar combinations include sunflowers, amaranth, and melons. Interplanting in this way is companion planting at its best!



For more information on our Seed Library, please visit rtdl.org/seed-library