



Growing Guru

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Because we won't be able to share information in person for some undetermined time to come, I am starting a new feature for the monthly newsletter of the Waltham Garden Club, The Grapevine. My intent will be to share information and resources on a wide range of botanical topics throughout the year, so that we can all keep "growing" our knowledge.

I also encourage anyone seeking advice or having questions on plants to email me. I already have a few neighbors who do that, and I am happy to help, because it usually leads to me learning more as well. Sending photographs with your questions can be informative also.

MORE ABOUT SEED SAVING

SEEDS TO COLLECT IN FALL: cosmos, marigold, morning glory, zinnia, garlic chive, basil, dill
Remove extraneous plant material so that seeds will dry well. Always store seeds in envelopes or paper bags. Label should include flower color and variety name (if known), average height, year collected. Keep seeds dry and cool. Most seeds are viable for about 2-5 years, but some herbs, onions, and chives may be viable for only 1 year after harvest.

VIDEOS about commercial SEED PRODUCTION, SAVING, AND PACKAGING:
Have you ever wondered how all those seeds in commercial seed packets get produced and packaged? Here are two half-hour videos that show the large-scale process of seed saving.

[The Story of Seeds: From Breeding to Eating](#)

(a visit to five different seed breeders and growers)

FROM: A Growing Passion <https://agrowingpassion.com/>

An award-winning TV show hosted by San Diego-based Nan Sterman. The website has over 30 topics of resources and all the videos from past shows.

[High Mowing Organic Seeds: The Power of a Seed to Change the World](#)

(organically produces seeds of 600 food crops in Vermont)

FROM: Growing a Greener World <https://www.growingagreenerworld.com/>

An Emmy Award winning PBS series with Atlanta-based Joe Lamp'l (aka joe gardener® and founder of joegardener.com podcasts and resources). Many of his TV shows can be seen on the website or via the YouTube video channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ggwtv>