



**SEED
LIBRARY**

NEWSLETTER

April 2026



WELCOME

We invite you to join our mission to **borrow, grow, share!**

- 1) Plant the seeds you **borrow**, and care for them to the best of your ability.
- 2) Commit to learn and **grow** personally through this process (and hopefully grow some food as well).
- 3) **Share** seeds that you save (if you are indeed successful in growing, but please, no pressure) and bring them back to the library so that we can do it again next year (and beyond)!

NOTES

from our

Planting Seeds Workshop
from Thursday March 4th 2026 with
Leslie Carr of Carr Greenhouse

- **Grow light** maximum distance away from plants: 2 inches
- Leave grow lights on for 14-16 hours/day (ex: 6am-9pm)
- Only leave dome cover on tray until plants start to come up, but keep seeds on heat mat for a couple more weeks.

DO NOT FERTILIZE SEEDS EVER! NOT UNTIL YOU TRANSPLANT INTO A BIGGER POT.

- Once in bigger pot focus is on rooting. Use a fertilizer where the middle number is the largest, for example 2-8-4
- Once plant is in the ground use a 20/20/20 mix fertilizer
- **Note:** Muskoka dirt tends to lack calcium, so eggshells or bonemeal is a great addition to your garden. Bonemeal neutralizes acid and is great for perennials.

PLANTING THE SEEDS

1. Pre-moisten soil with water before putting in container.
2. Once in planting pot or tray, moisten top layer of soil with peroxide solution.
3. Read seed packet re: planting depth.
4. Place seeds on soil.
5. Fill container with rest of dirt as specified for planting depth.

NOTE: plants from big box stores (Walmart, Home Depot) come coated with a plant growth regulator (PGR).

PGR's are grown into the plant, it is like a fertilizer so the roots take it up and it is in the plant. This keeps the plants looking pretty in store, but know that this takes 3 weeks to get out of the plants system- so it's essentially not growing until that happens. If you want a natural plant buy from a greenhouse that grows plugs

RECIPE

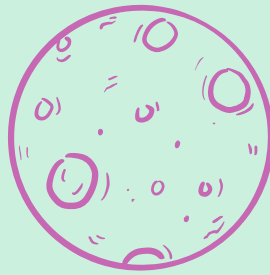
Peroxide solution :

1 part peroxide / 3 parts water

It sterilizes the seed and breaks down the coating (some seeds have a coating on them from the supplier to keep them viable longer). It also kills eggs in the soil and can be used as a natural pest control.



- If seedlings develop green mold on top of soil, just mix it in with a skewer, or use a fan to promote air flow.
- Harden off plants before planting in garden: 15 degrees Celsius at night/20 degrees Celsius during the day.



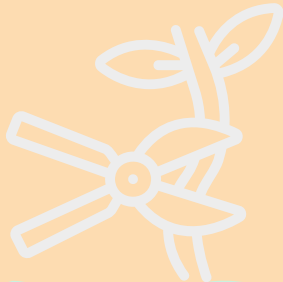
WHEN TO PLANT PLANTS IN GARDEN?

- Some say first full moon after May long weekend (this year would be May 30th)
- Others say June 1st every year
- Or, if you can sit on the soil with your bare bum, then it's good for the plants!



PLANT CUTTINGS

- Just stick cutting in the dirt and it will start to take root.
- Be sure to use seeding soil.
- Make sure you use a dome and tray (as they need to stay moist).
- Mist them everyday (be sure the soil is moist).
- In 1-2 weeks you'll have roots.
- Works well with vines, not with begonias.
- Keep a mother plant to take cuttings from.



SEEDLING SWAP

THURSDAY MAY 14TH

5:30PM-6:30PM

Port Carling Branch (drop-in)

Did you grow an abundance of one type of seeds and not so many of another- consider joining us at our seedling swap where you can swap your extra seedlings for another variety that someone else grew.

