

FAQs

Q: What is the Community Seed Connection @ Chester Springs Library?

A: It is a community seed library for lending seeds, and for borrowers to return seeds from the plants they have grown. All seeds have been donated and portioned out so many people can borrow them. Therefore, it will probably not have every seed you want for your garden.

Q: What are the benefits of a seed library?

A: Preserving genetic diversity in seeds, creating locally resilient plants, building community, encouraging gardening, supporting family togetherness, teaching seed saving techniques, promoting healthy eating, and being active outdoors.

Q: Is this FREE?

A: Yes, but donations to defray costs are welcome. Every small donation makes a difference.

Q: Who can borrow seeds?

A: Anyone can borrow seeds from the **Community Seed Connection**. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You do not need to have a Chester County Library System card, although we would love to give you one!

Q: Must I register to borrow seeds?

A: No.

Q: What do you mean “borrow” seeds? How can I do that if I plant them?

A: Plant the seeds and learn how to save seeds from those plants. There are resources available on our website and in the **Community Seed Connection** binder. At the end of the season, you return some seeds from the healthiest plants.

Q: How many seeds can I borrow?

A: There is no limit. Seed amounts vary per packet. Most will contain 4 to 10 seeds, or a pinch if seeds are very small.

Q: What time is the Community Seed Connection open?

A: It is open during regular library hours and located either in the library or in the vestibule.

Q: Are all the seeds guaranteed to grow?

A: No. There is no guarantee. All the seeds were donated from seed companies' left-over stock, and community members. All seeds are subject to seed saving techniques and general plant health. Furthermore, the library will steward the collection to the best of its ability to improve the chances of viability.

Q: Do I have to bring seeds back to participate?

A: No, but bringing seeds back helps keep the seed library sustainable. If you cannot return seeds, please consider donating some packs of non-hybrid seeds.