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How to

Winter Sow Seeds Outdoors



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Winter Sowing is Easy to Do!

With this creative and easy germination method you will be able to start hardy and vigorous seedlings for pennies. Winter Sowing is done outdoors during Winter using mini-greenhouses made from recyclables; there are no heating devices, no energy wasting light set-ups or expensive seed starting devices.

Container Examples: Milk Jugs, large soda bottles, dessert-topping tubs, fast-food salad bowls, clear cake boxes, cottage cheese tubs. Tops should be clear or translucent to let in natural daylight.

Add small holes to the top for air ventilation and the base for draining excess moisture. Tops should be at least 2" above the soil to allow for seedling growth.

Label container bottoms with waterproof marker.

Use quality soil or sowing mix; minimum 3" deep.

Moisten soil, sow seeds.

Attach lids to bottoms with duct or packing tape.

Place outside, sow more containers all winter!

Keep containers moist.

Seeds germinate as weather warms, increase ventilation or remove lids after germination.

Transplant small seedlings into garden after germination, no hardening-off is needed.

Wildflower Seeds for Winter Sowing



What can you Winter Sow?

Here's some examples....

Annuals: alyssum, bidens, calendula, dahlia, emilia, gaillardia, helianthus, lavatera, mirabilis, nicotiana, petunia, portulaca, rudbeckia, toadflax, viola

Perennials: bellis, digitalis, echinacea, flax, gaura, grasses, heuchera, inula, lewisia, malva, nepeta, oenothera, poppy, red hot poker, salvia, yarrow

Herbs: basil, chamomile, chives, dill, hyssop, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, thyme

Veggies: beets, broccoli, cabbage, chard, carrots, celery, hot peppers, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions, radish, strawberries, tomatoes, winter squash

You can Winter Sow: Wildflowers, Bushes, Trees, Vines, Fruits—anything that grows in a temperate climate. *Some trees and shrubs may require long dormancy over a year to germinate.*

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*Begin your Winter Sowing experience.
Your garden will never be the same again!*

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