

## Why Save Seeds

- Help create a culture of sharing and abundance within the community
- Preserve seed lineages
- Support local food and steward the region's biodiversity
- Save money by growing your own food
- Sustain the rich agricultural heritage Caledon and the surrounding areas have been developing for over 150 years
- Fun for the whole family

## Growing from Seed

For better results, plant seeds that are easy to grow. We recommend you start with these:

- **amaranth** (grain/similar to quinoa)
- **arugula** (dark green salad leaf)
- **bean**
- **lettuce**
- **pea**
- **beet**
- **pepper**
- **sunflower**

Other varieties may require special planting or handling to preserve the purity of the seeds. Caledon Public Library encourages gardeners to attend seed saving workshops in the fall or become familiar about isolating plants to prevent cross-contamination (or pollination).

## Planting Chart

Seed Type	Planting Depth	Planting Distance
<b>Amaranth</b>	shallow	30-45 cm apart
<b>Arugula</b>	6 mm	2-15 cm apart, or scatter
<b>Bean</b>	25 mm	10-15 cm apart, rows 60 cm apart
<b>Beet</b>	12 mm	5 cm apart, rows 30-45 cm apart
<b>Carrot</b>	6-12 mm	Thin to one seedling per 2-5 cm after growth begins, rows 30-45 cm apart
<b>Lettuce</b>	6 mm	scatter for loose leaf, 15-30 cm for heads of lettuce
<b>Melon</b>	12 mm	5 seeds in 30 cm hill, hills 90 cm apart
<b>Pea</b>	25 mm	5-7 cm apart, rows 45-75 cm apart
<b>Pepper*</b>	6 mm	35-50 cm apart, rows 90 cm apart
<b>Radish</b>	6 mm	5 cm apart, rows 15-30 cm apart
<b>Squash</b>	25 mm	6 seeds in 30 cm hill, hills 180 cm apart
<b>Sunflower</b>	12 mm	15 cm apart, rows 60 cm apart
<b>Swiss Chard</b>	12 mm	10 cm apart, rows 60 cm apart
<b>Tomato *</b>	6 mm	60 cm apart, rows 90-150 cm apart

\* These plants are better suited for indoor germination in small planting pots until sprouted, then planted in bigger pots or in a garden bed.

## How to Borrow Seeds

1. **Visit** the Caledon Seed Library located at the Albion Bolton Branch, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton [caledon.library.on.ca](http://caledon.library.on.ca)
2. **Browse** the seed envelopes stored in the seed cabinet located on the 2nd floor. Look for the Gardening section/Dewey#635.
3. **Checkout** seeds just like a book. Stop by the Service Desk on the main floor. No due date, no cost.

## How to Return Seeds

1. Attend a seed saving workshop at Caledon Public Library for hints and tips on how to save the seeds and learn how to package. Seed envelopes are available at all library branches to use when returning seeds saved from your garden.
2. Place seeds from each variety in its own seed envelope (do not mix vegetables and varieties) and complete the envelope label.
3. Drop off seeds at any Caledon Public Library branch for sharing with the community next year.

## How to Learn More

- Attend a Caledon Public Library Seed Saving Workshop
- Visit [caledon.library.on.ca](http://caledon.library.on.ca) for books and more information on seed saving
- Attend a Bolton & District Horticultural Society speaker series  
[www.boltonhort.info](http://www.boltonhort.info)
- Visit the Albion Hills Community Farm  
[www.albionhillscommunityfarm.org](http://www.albionhillscommunityfarm.org)
- Search the Internet for interesting facts on seed saving and planting
- Talk to experienced gardeners
- Keep detailed gardening records to track successes

## Seed Library Organization

Seeds available in the Caledon Public Library collection include annual flowers, perennial flowers, vegetables and herbs. The seed packets are organized alphabetically by common name. They are stored in the seed library cabinet in the Gardening section of the Caledon Public Library Albion Bolton branch.



## Upcoming Events

### Bolton & District Horticultural Society

- Seed Starting Workshop  
7 Rotarian Way, Bolton  
March 20 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

### Caledon Public Library

Albion Bolton Branch  
150 Queen Street South, Bolton

- Caledon Seed Library Launch  
April 21 | 10 am - 2 pm
- Seed Saving Workshop  
September 13 | 7 pm

### Albion Hills Community Farm

16555 Humber Station Road, Caledon

- Honey Garlic Festival  
September 29 | 12 - 5 pm

Thanks for your interest in  
promoting seed saving in Caledon



A free community-led  
seed saving initiative



In partnership with  
Bolton & District Horticultural Society  
Albion Hills Community Farm