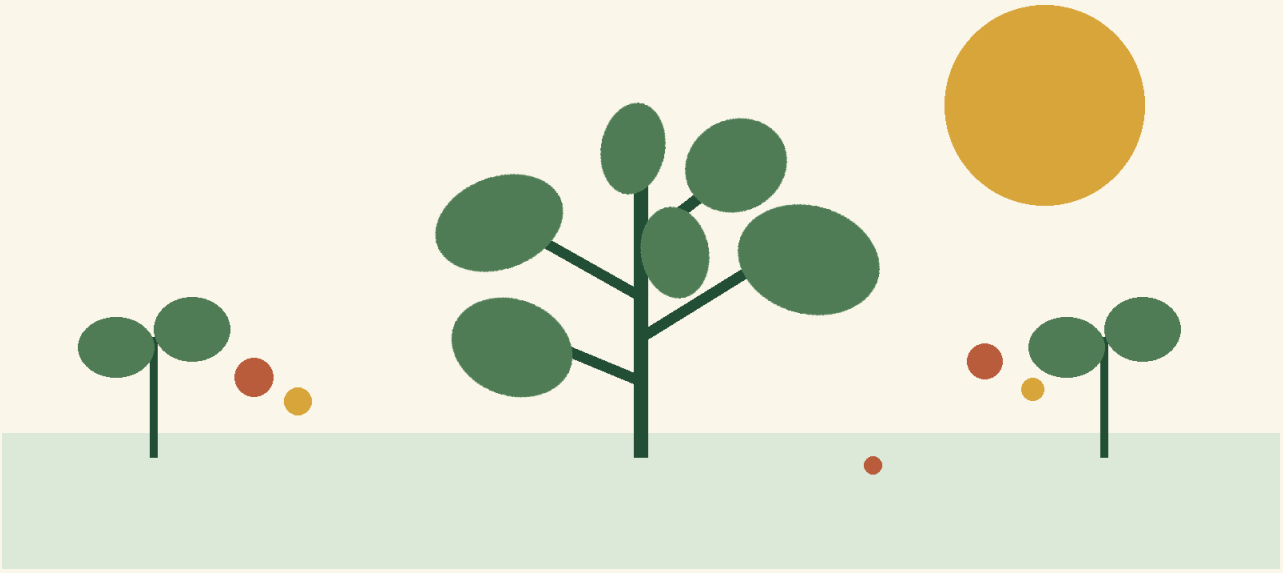
FREE GARDENING GUIDE

THE GARDEN SEED SOURCE GUIDE

15 seed companies and resources to explore for vegetables, herbs, flowers, heirlooms, specialty crops, and more



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Plant Your Possibilities

Seeds are one of the most affordable ways to grow more food, more flowers, and more beauty. They also open the door to varieties you may never see at a local garden center. This guide gives you a quick introduction to 15 seed companies and seed resources, plus practical tools to help you shop wisely.

> ***"A garden begins long before the first sprout appears. It begins with choosing seeds that fit your space, climate, taste, and dreams."***

How to use this guide

1	**Start with your garden conditions.** Know your sunlight, available space, first and last frost dates, and whether you will grow in containers, raised beds, or the ground.
2	**Match the seller to your goal.** Some companies shine in heirlooms, flowers, microgreens, warm-climate crops, professional production, or beginner-friendly collections.
3	**Scan and shop.** Every company profile includes a clickable website and QR code. Compare packet size, days to maturity, shipping costs, and guarantees before ordering.

Important: Seed availability, prices, policies, and shipping restrictions change. Review the seller's current website and recent customer feedback before placing an order.

SEED SOURCES 1-3

Start with strong all-around choices

Click the website address or scan the QR code to visit each source.

01 Territorial Seed Company

BEST FOR: Vegetables, herbs, flowers, garlic, and season-extending varieties

A long-established source with a broad home-garden catalog, detailed growing information, and strong selections for gardeners who want dependable varieties and seasonal guidance.

SHOPPING TIP: *Explore its fall and winter crops if you enjoy gardening beyond spring and summer.*

territorialseed.com

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02 Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

BEST FOR: Rare, colorful, historic, and open-pollinated heirloom varieties

Known for an eye-catching catalog of heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers from around the world. A fun destination when you want unusual colors, flavors, and plant histories.

SHOPPING TIP: *Great for gardeners who love seed saving and distinctive varieties.*

www.rareseeds.com

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03 Epic Gardening

BEST FOR: Beginner-friendly vegetables, herbs, flowers, bundles, and growing supplies

Offers a curated seed collection designed to make selection easier, along with practical gardening education and supplies for containers, raised beds, and backyard gardens.

SHOPPING TIP: *Look for compact and easy-to-grow choices if you garden in a small space.*

shop.epicgardening.com

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SEED SOURCES 4-6

Classics, color, and productive gardens

Click the website address or scan the QR code to visit each source.

04 Burpee

BEST FOR: Classic home-garden varieties, modern hybrids, heirlooms, seeds, and plants

A familiar all-around garden source with vegetables, herbs, flowers, fruits, and live plants. The catalog includes both time-tested favorites and newer varieties bred for home gardeners.

SHOPPING TIP: *Use the site filters to narrow selections by heirloom, organic, heat tolerance, and more.*

www.burpee.com

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05 Eden Brothers

BEST FOR: Flower seeds, wildflower mixes, bulbs, herbs, and vegetables

Especially strong for gardeners planning colorful flower beds, pollinator spaces, and wildflower areas, while also offering vegetable, herb, heirloom, and organic options.

SHOPPING TIP: *A helpful stop when you want to shop flowers by color, theme, or garden purpose.*

www.edenbrothers.com

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06 Hoss Tools

BEST FOR: Vegetable seeds, cover crops, warm-climate choices, tools, and supplies

Combines a practical seed catalog with durable garden tools, seed-starting equipment, fertilizers, and educational growing guides. Particularly useful for productive food gardens.

SHOPPING TIP: *Browse the cover crops and warm-season vegetables for soil-building and Southern-style gardening.*

hosstools.com

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Specialty crops and culturally rich collections

Click the website address or scan the QR code to visit each source.

07 True Leaf Market

BEST FOR: Vegetables, herbs, flowers, microgreens, sprouts, grains, and cover crops

A very broad seed marketplace with options for traditional gardens as well as microgreens, wheatgrass, sprouting, Asian vegetables, bulk seed, and specialty growing projects.

SHOPPING TIP: *Ideal when you want several seed categories in one order.*

trueleafmarket.com

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08 Native Seeds/SEARCH

BEST FOR: Arid-adapted, open-pollinated crops of the desert Southwest and Mexico

A nonprofit seed-conservation organization sharing culturally significant corn, beans, squash, chiles, and other crops connected to the desert Southwest and Indigenous agricultural traditions.

SHOPPING TIP: *A valuable source for hot, dry climates and gardeners interested in seed preservation.*

www.nativeseeds.org

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09 Caribbean Garden Seed

BEST FOR: Tropical, Caribbean, rare, exotic, and culturally diverse varieties

A specialty catalog featuring garden seeds, bulbs, and plants that may be harder to find through mainstream retailers, including warm-climate and international selections.

SHOPPING TIP: *Before ordering specialty or live items, review current availability, shipping rules, and return policies.*

caribbeangardenseed.com

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Professional quality, gourmet choices, and seed sharing

Click the website address or scan the QR code to visit each source.

10 Johnny's Selected Seeds

BEST FOR: **High-quality vegetable, herb, flower, organic, and market-garden seeds**

An employee-owned company serving home gardeners and professional growers with carefully selected varieties, tools, growing resources, and detailed production information.

SHOPPING TIP: *Excellent when you want technical growing details or plan to produce larger harvests.*

www.johnnyseeds.com

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11 Renee's Garden

BEST FOR: **Gourmet vegetables, culinary herbs, flowers, and curated seed mixes**

Features thoughtfully selected home-garden varieties from around the world, with attractive packets and clear growing and harvesting directions for food and flower gardeners.

SHOPPING TIP: *Look for specialty mixes and garden-to-table varieties.*

www.reneesgarden.com

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12 Fruition Seeds

BEST FOR: **Regionally adapted organic seeds, education, and gift-based seed sharing**

Fruition historically focused on organic, cold-hardy, short-season varieties. It no longer operates as a traditional seed retailer and now shares seeds through a gift-based community model.

SHOPPING TIP: *Visit the site for current seed-sharing opportunities, events, and educational resources.*

www.fruitionseeds.com

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SEED SOURCES 13-15

Heirlooms, value, and beautiful packet guidance

Click the website address or scan the QR code to visit each source.

13 Annie's Heirloom Seeds

BEST FOR: Old-fashioned heirloom, organic, and non-GMO vegetables, herbs, and flowers

A straightforward heirloom catalog with a wide variety of garden favorites and specialty choices for gardeners who enjoy open-pollinated crops and traditional varieties.

SHOPPING TIP: *Browse by crop type, organic offerings, or curated collections.*

anniesheirloomseeds.com

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14 MIgardener

BEST FOR: Affordable heirloom seeds, garden education, tools, and supplies

Popular for accessible seed pricing, a large heirloom vegetable selection, and an extensive library of practical gardening videos and growing guidance.

SHOPPING TIP: *A good choice for building a diverse garden without overspending on individual packets.*

migardener.com

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15 Botanical Interests

BEST FOR: Beautifully illustrated packets, home-garden varieties, heirlooms, and organics

Offers a broad collection selected for home gardeners, with informative seed packets that combine growing directions, variety details, and attractive botanical artwork.

SHOPPING TIP: *A lovely option for beginners, gifts, and gardeners who value detailed packet instructions.*

www.botanicalinterests.com

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Seed Types Made Simple

Seed labels can feel confusing. These quick definitions will help you understand what you are buying.

Heirloom	A variety passed down over time, often valued for flavor, history, appearance, or regional significance. Most heirlooms are open-pollinated.
Open-pollinated	A variety that can produce seed with similar traits when properly isolated from cross-pollination. Often chosen by gardeners who save seed.
Hybrid (F1)	A first-generation cross developed from two parent lines. Hybrids may offer vigor, uniformity, disease resistance, or productivity, but saved seed may not grow true.
Organic seed	Seed produced under certified organic standards. Organic describes how the seed crop was grown, not whether the variety is heirloom or hybrid.
Non-GMO	The seed was not created through genetic engineering. Most seeds sold directly to U.S. home gardeners are non-GMO, but company policies and certifications vary.
Pelleted seed	Small or irregular seed coated to make it easier to handle or sow with precision. Pellets need consistent moisture to dissolve during germination.
Treated seed	Seed coated with a treatment intended to protect it from pests or disease. Check the packet for handling instructions and whether treatment fits your gardening preferences.
Days to maturity	An estimate of how long a crop needs to reach harvest. The starting point may be sowing or transplanting, so read the seller's description carefully.

Shop Smarter Before You Order

A beautiful catalog can make every variety look irresistible. Use this checklist to choose seeds that are more likely to succeed in your real garden.

✓	**Know your growing window:** Compare your average frost dates with the crop's days to maturity. Short-season varieties can be helpful where summers are brief.
✓	**Match the climate:** Look for heat tolerance, cold hardiness, drought tolerance, humidity tolerance, or disease resistance that fits your location.
✓	**Measure the space:** Choose compact, patio, bush, dwarf, or determinate varieties for containers and smaller beds.
✓	**Check sunlight needs:** Most fruiting vegetables need full sun, while many leafy greens and herbs can tolerate some shade.
✓	**Compare packet quantity:** A lower packet price is not always the best value. Compare seed count or weight, especially for large gardens or community projects.
✓	**Review germination and guarantees:** Look for current germination information, replacement policies, and instructions for reporting a problem.
✓	**Calculate the full order cost:** Shipping, minimums, live-plant surcharges, and seasonal promotions can change the true cost of an order.
✓	**Avoid overbuying:** Start with crops you will actually eat, use, share, preserve, or enjoy. Leave room for one or two fun experiments.

A simple seed-order budget

Seeds and plants	$ _____
Shipping and handling	$ _____
Seed-starting supplies	$ _____
Soil, compost, or fertilizer	$ _____
TOTAL GARDEN START-UP BUDGET	$ _____

My Seed Shopping List

Plan before you click “add to cart.” Use one line for each variety you are considering.

Crop / Variety	Company	Qty.	Price	Priority	Notes
				High / Med / Low	
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My top three must-grow varieties

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Order Tracker & Seed Notes

Company	Order Date	Expected Arrival	Amount	Received?	Notes

Keep leftover seed fresh

COOL
Keep seed away from heat and temperature swings.

DARK
Store packets away from direct sunlight.

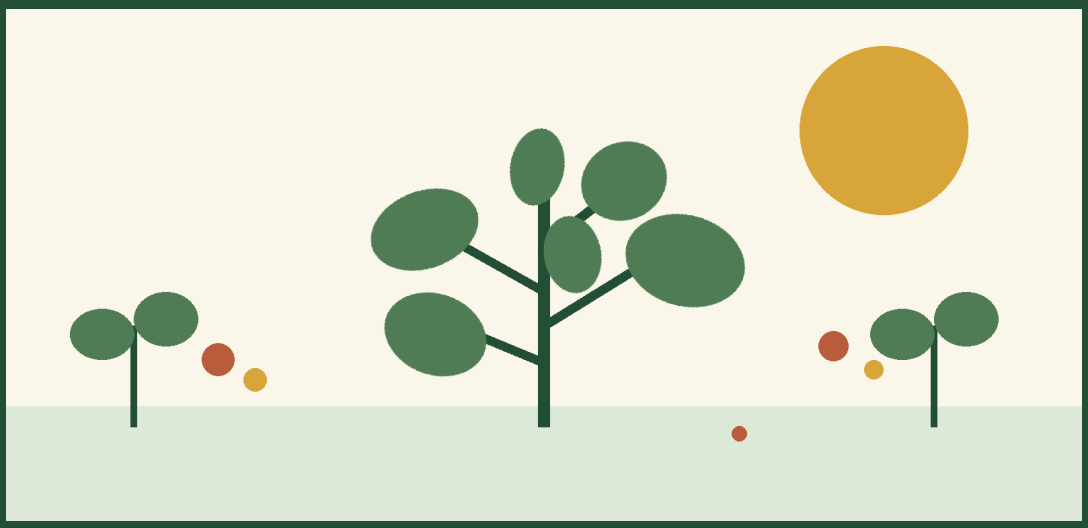
DRY
Use an airtight container and consider a food-safe desiccant packet.

LABELED
Keep the original packet or record the crop, variety, source, and year.

Notes for next season

GROW WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY

One tiny seed can become food, beauty, abundance, and hope.



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