

Sow, grow, enjoy

SEED LIBRARY



SEED PLANTING FAQs

How deep are you supposed to plant a seed?

Seeds should be planted 2 to 3 times as deep as the size of the seed,

Little seeds, like those of carrots and basil, only need to be under a sprinkle of soil, while beans and peas need to be a few centimetres deep.

How far apart should you plant seeds?

When working out how far apart to plant your seeds, consider what they will turn into

- Larger plants, like tomatoes and pumpkins, will need more space between them so they don't compete for water, nutrients and sunlight.
- Other veggies, like lettuces, can be planted closer together because they have smaller root systems and don't grow very wide or tall.

Do vegetable seeds need to be watered every day?

The short answer is yes!

Seeds need to be kept moist, so you'll need to water them a little bit every day until they start growing their first leaves.

Be careful not to water to the point the soil is soggy though – seeds can drown in too much water!

The key is to keep checking the soil – if it's dry, your plant won't like it.

Where should I put my seedlings?

- Most seeds don't require light
- If the weather is cold, they can be kept indoors for extra warmth until they sprout
- Keep your seedlings in a place you will notice them regularly, so you remember to water and watch for pests.

How long will my seeds take to grow?

It depends on the plant and the temperature of your soil. Some seeds will germinate in about 4 to 5 days, while others will take a few weeks. Generally, the time from planting seeds to enjoying your delicious produce is 3 to 4 months.

While this is longer than if you planted already-established seedlings, seeds have the upper hand because they're cheaper and for many veggies, the results are likely to be more worthwhile.

Where can I get more information?

We'll be holding regular workshops throughout the year across the region, keep up to date on what is on via Facebook or ask our staff on site, plus you'll find a range of tips, tricks and facts to try your hand at gardening for the first time or expand your gardening skills on the Green Adelaide gardening hub.

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