



How It Works

Come in and “borrow” seeds, grow them, and return seeds you save from your crop.

We have easy-to-grow seeds to plant outside that will do well in our climate, so you'll have success in your garden!

The Seed Library of Laramie County is a joint project of the Laramie County Library System and the Laramie County Master Gardeners. It will be housed at the library in an effort to introduce residents to gardening, and provide education on seed-saving and developing a green thumb.

To Check Out

- 1) Visit the 3rd floor of Laramie County Library.
- 2) Fill out a short registration form.
- 3) Search the “catalog” for available seeds.
- 4) Ask the staff at the Ask Here desk to gather your seeds.

To Return

- 1) Read our brochure on seed-saving.
- 2) Bring your saved seeds to the 3rd floor Ask Here desk.
- 3) Fill out a short return form.
- 4) Donate cash, if you wish, to support next year's library.

For questions on this process, please call 307.634.3561 or visit the 3rd floor Ask Here desk at the Laramie County Library.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

710 South Lions Park Drive
307.637.6458 | www.botanic.org

City of Cheyenne Compost Facility

3714 Windmill Road | 307.632.5518

Gardening with Altitude

1101 Logan Avenue | 307.514.6000

Grant Farms Garden Center

2120 East Lincolnway | 307.635.2676

River Bend Nursery & Stone Company

8908 Yellowstone Road | 307.638.0147

ONLINE RESOURCES

Cheyenne Garden Gossip

A blog by local gardener Barb Gorges
CheyenneGardenGossip.Wordpress.com

Colorado State University Extension

Yard and garden information
Extension.Colostate.edu/Topic-Areas/Yard-Garden

University of Wyoming Extension

Wyoming-specific information
UWyo.edu/BarnBackyard/Resources/

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Laramie County Master Gardeners
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HOW TO VISIT US:

2200 Pioneer Avenue
307.634.3561 | LaramieCountyLibrary.org/Seed-Library

HOURS:

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Friday, Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sunday



laramiecountylibrary.org



ABOUT THE SEED LIBRARY

- ☛ It's free and you don't need a library card—but you'll want one to check out gardening books!
- ☛ Choose from 8 flowers, 5 herbs, and 17 vegetables.
- ☛ Each person may check out 12 packets, up to 2 packets per type of seed.
 - Each packet has enough seeds for a small garden.
 - A limited selection of pre-packaged seeds of other types are available. These are limited to 1 per type, and will be counted in the 12-packet limit.
- ☛ Plant-specific handouts are available on the 3rd floor to help you start, grow, and enjoy your harvests.
- ☛ Watch the library calendar for Seed Library programs, such as seed-saving, starting seeds indoors, using raised beds and containers, eating and preserving the harvest, and more.

STARTING YOUR GARDEN

You don't need a lot of tools, supplies, or space to start gardening. Be creative!

- ☛ Shovel, trowel, rake, big sturdy spoon & fork, kids' tool sets
- ☛ Watering can, milk jug, clean spray bottle
- ☛ For container gardening: pots, 5-gallon buckets, coffee cans; potting soil (NOT garden soil)
- ☛ Compost, aged manure
- ☛ Organic mulch, thin layers of chemical-free grass clippings or newspaper, small bark chips (NOT plastic or rocks)
- ☛ Kneeler, knee pads, folded towel



FINDING GARDENING BOOKS

Attracting birds, insects, wildlife.....	635.967	Gardening with children.....	635.083
Composting, mulch.....	631.875	Herbs.....	635.7
Container gardening.....	635.986	Organic gardening.....	635.9
Design, landscaping.....	712	Seeds, seed-saving.....	631.531
Edible landscaping.....	716	Vegetables.....	635.967
Flowers.....	635.083	Western, Wyoming gardening.....	635.09787
Fruits.....	634	Wildflower gardens.....	635.9676
		Xeriscaping, low-water gardening.....	635.952

CHEYENNE PLANTING SCHEDULE

Knowing when to plant is one of the keys to successful vegetable gardening on the high plains. The following planting dates are based on Cheyenne's **average** weather.

The last average frost-free date is **May 20**.
The first average frost date is **September 20**.

Keep an eye on the sky and be ready to make adjustments!

**APR
15**

Kale
Leafy greens, lettuce
Pea
Spinach

**MAY
1**

Beet
Carrot
Chard
Herbs
Perennials
Radish
Turnip

**MAY
25**

Annuals (check seed packet)
Bean - bush, pole
Cucumber

**JUN
1-30**

Annuals (check seed packet)
Bean - bush
Beet
Leafy greens, lettuce
Pea

**AUG
1-10**

Leafy greens, lettuce
Radish
Spinach

Adapted from Cheyenne Botanic Gardens (www.botanic.org)

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