



## How It Works

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

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

Seed Library of Laramie County is a joint project of Laramie County Library System and Laramie County Master Gardeners. It is 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 third 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 third floor Ask Here desk.
- 3) Fill out a short return form.
- 4) If you wish, donate cash to support next year's library.

Questions? Please call 307.634.3561 or visit the third floor Ask Here desk at Laramie County Library.

## LOCAL RESOURCES

### Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

710 South Lions Park Drive  
307.637.6458 | [www.botanic.org](http://www.botanic.org)

### Cheyenne Compost Facility

3714 Windmill Road | 307.632.5518

### Cheyenne Urban Forestry

520 West 8th Avenue  
307.637.6428 | [www.cheyennetrees.com](http://www.cheyennetrees.com)

### Laramie County Conservation District

11221 U.S. Highway 30  
307.772.2600 | [www.LCCDnet.org](http://www.LCCDnet.org)

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### Cheyenne Garden Gossip

A blog by local gardener Barb Gorges  
[CheyenneGardenGossip.Wordpress.com](http://CheyenneGardenGossip.Wordpress.com)

### Colorado State University Extension

Yard and garden information  
[Extension.Colostate.edu/Topic-Areas/Yard-Garden](http://Extension.Colostate.edu/Topic-Areas/Yard-Garden)

### University of Wyoming Extension

Wyoming-specific information  
[UWyo.edu/BarnBackyard/Resources/](http://UWyo.edu/BarnBackyard/Resources/)

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## HOW TO VISIT US:

2200 Pioneer Avenue  
307.634.3561 | [LaramieCountyLibrary.org/Seed-Library](http://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](http://LaramieCountyLibrary.org)

## About the Seed Library

- It's free and you don't need a library card.
- Choose from a variety of regionally-appropriate flowers, herbs, and 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.
- Plant-specific handouts are available 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.....                       | 635.04   |
| Flowers.....                             | 635.93  | Western, Wyoming gardening.....       | 635.0978 |
| 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!

*Adapted from Cheyenne Botanic Gardens ([www.botanic.org](http://www.botanic.org))*

### AFTER APRIL 15

Cabbage - seeds or plants  
Leafy greens, lettuce - seeds or plants  
Onion - seeds or plants  
Pea - seeds  
Spinach - seeds or plant

### AFTER MAY 1

Beet - seeds  
Carrot - seeds  
Chard - seeds or plants  
Herbs - seeds  
Mustard - seeds or plants  
Parsnip - seeds  
Perennials - seeds or plants  
Radish - seeds

### AROUND MAY 25

Bean (bush, pole) - seeds  
Corn - seeds or plants  
Cucumber - seeds or plants  
Eggplant - plants  
Pepper - plants  
Tomato - plants

### JUNE 1 - 30

Annuals - check seed packet  
Bean (bush) - seeds  
Leafy greens - seeds  
Pea - seeds  
Root crops - seeds

### AUGUST 1 - 10

Radish - seeds  
Spinach - seeds or plants