

## Santa Monica Public Library

### - Seed Library -

Montana Ave. Branch  
1704 Montana Ave.  
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Seed packet bundles contain 5 packets of vegetable seeds appropriate for cool weather growing. There are 5 themed bundles to choose from.

Bundles are pre-selected and pre-packaged. Due to limited seed stock and staffing, we are unable to accommodate requests for specific varieties. **Limit 1 bundle per household. While supplies last.**

### Seed bundles available:

- **Grow Your Own Salad**

Includes kale, lettuce, radicchio, spinach, and Tatsoi greens.

- **Peas and Carrots**

Includes 5 varieties of carrots and peas.

- **Cruciferous Veggies**

Includes a selection of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and collard greens.

- **Un-beet-able**

Includes 5 varieties of beets, radish, and/or Swiss chard.

- **Small Space**

Includes vegetables that can be grown in a container, on a small patio or balcony, such as baby leaf chard, bunching onions, peas, and leafy greens (Tatsoi, spinach).

- **Bonus Bundle!** – random assortments of cool-weather varieties including non-edible flowers (specifically, alyssum and sweet pea).

## Basic Growing Instructions

**Watering:** Generally speaking, water well when soil is dry 1-2 inches below surface, or if leaves start to wilt.

**Thinning seedlings** should be done after they reach about 3 to 6 inches tall, depending on variety.

**Beets** – Sow seeds ½" to 1" deep and 1-2 inches apart. Thin seedlings to 4 inches apart. Note: Each 'seed' is in fact a cluster of 2 to 6 seeds.

**Broccoli/Cabbage** – Sow seeds ½" deep spaced 1" apart. Thin to about 18 inches apart.

**Carrots** – Sow seeds ¼" deep, spaced 1 to 2 inches apart. Thin seedlings to 2 to 4 inches apart.

**Chives** – Sow seeds ¼" deep. Space seeds at 1 to 2 seeds per inch. May be easier to start indoors, then transplant when 6" tall.

*Note: This is a more challenging variety to start from seed.*

**Coriander (Cilantro)** – Sow seeds ¼" deep.

Optional: Before sowing, gently crush seed husk and separate the 2 seeds in each husk.

**Lettuce, Spinach, Tatsoi Greens** – Sow seeds 1/8" inch deep, in rows spaced 8 to 12 inches apart. For baby greens, thin to 1 to 2 inches. For mature greens, thin to 6 to 8 inches.

**Radishes, Turnips** – Sow seeds ½" deep, 1 inch apart. Thin seedlings to 2 inches apart.

**Snap Peas, Peas** – Sow seeds 1" deep and 1 to 2 inches apart. Thin seedlings to 2 to 3 inches apart.

**Swiss Chard** – Sow seeds ½" to 1" deep. When seedlings are 3 to 4 inches, thin to 8+ inches apart.

**Flower – Alyssum** – Sow by scattering a pinch of seeds every 6 inches. Press seeds onto surface of soil. In our climate in SoCal, fall sowing for winter bloom is recommended.

**Flower – Sweet Pea** – Sow seeds 1" deep. Space seeds at 2 to 3 seeds per 6 inches. Thin to 6 inches apart. Sweet Peas are vines and grow vertically, so will need staking or trellising.