

About EB Grow

EB Grow is a joint project of the East Brunswick Public Library and the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission. The seed library created through this partnership is housed at the library in an effort to introduce residents to gardening, provide education on seed-saving, and encourage patrons to develop a passion for sustainability and hands-on learning.

Come in to “borrow” seeds for your garden. We have easy-to-grow seeds to plant that will do well in our climate, so your garden will grow! Return unused seeds or seeds saved from your own crop to the library so that other gardeners can also enjoy planting them.

To Check Out

1. Visit ebpl.org/ebgrow or the Information Desk to view the seed catalog.
2. Search the seed catalog for available seeds.
3. Fill out the online request form.
4. Pick up your seeds at the Information Desk after you receive notification they are ready.
5. Don't forget to take a seed donation envelope.



For questions on this process, please call 732-390-6772 or email mhozik@ebpl.org.

LOCAL RESOURCES

EARTH Center of Middlesex County

Davidson's Mill Pond Park
42 Riva Avenue, South Brunswick
732-398-5262 | tinyurl.com/mcearthcenter

Rutgers Gardens

112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick
732-932-8451 | rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline (Middlesex)

732-398-5220 | mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us

ONLINE RESOURCES

Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County (Rutgers NJAES)

New Jersey-specific lawn and garden information
middlesex.njaes.rutgers.edu

East Brunswick Community Garden

ebcommunitygarden.webs.com

CONTACT US

General Questions

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Gardening Questions

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VISIT US

East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center
732-390-6767 | ebpl.org/ebgrow

HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday
Friday-Saturday
Sunday



ebpl.org/ebgrow



Start Your Garden

So you want to start your garden from seed? Below is a recipe for success!

Ingredients

- Seeds from EB Grow
- Information from back of seed packet
- Seed starting potting mix (not regular garden soil)
- Small containers with drainage holes
- Zip-top plastic bags
- Light source (sunlight or grow lights)
- Water
- Spray bottle
- Tray to hold containers

Directions

To start your seeds, pre-moisten the seed starting mix with water so it is damp to the touch. Fill your containers leaving ¼” space at the top. Plant one or two seeds in each container. Place containers into zip-top plastic bags (don’t forget to label them), and place in a warm area (65–70° F).

Remember to check your seeds daily by opening the plastic bags and touching the top soil (it should feel moist). If the soil feels dry, apply 2–3 sprays of water.

Once your seedlings germinate, transfer the containers from the plastic bags into the tray and place them in a sunny area—seedlings need 16-18 hours of light per day to stay healthy. When the top soil appears dry, add water to the tray. Don’t overwater—that is the most likely cause of seedling loss!

One week before planting outdoors, acclimate the seedlings by placing them outside in a place protected from wind during the day, then bring inside at night. Then it’s time to plant them in your garden!

Adapted from the NJ Agricultural Extension Service (njaes.rutgers.edu)

Gardening Books

Central, New Jersey gardening	635.0974	Herbs	635.7
Composting, mulch	631.875	Landscape gardening	712.6
Container gardening	635.986	Organic gardening	635.0484
Edible landscaping	635	Pest control	632.5
Flowers	635.9	Seeds, seed-saving	635.94
Fruits	634	Vegetables	635
Gardening with children	635.9	Xeriscaping, low-water gardening	635.9525

East Brunswick Planting Schedule

Knowing when to plant is one of the keys to successful gardening. The following planting dates are based on East Brunswick’s **average weather**.

The last average frost-free date is **April 30**.
The first average frost date is **October 13**

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



Beet
Carrot
Leafy greens, lettuce
Radish
Spinach



Bean - bush, pole
Cucumber
Peas
Herbs
Peppers
Perennials
Tomatoes



Annuals (check seed packet)
Bean - bush, pole
Beet
Peas



Bean - bush
Beet
Leafy greens, lettuce
Peas

Adapted from Burpee Growing Calendar for Zones 7-8 & Rutgers Master Gardeners

