

# 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 any library services desk.
2. Fill out a short membership form.
3. Search the seed “catalog” for available seeds.
4. Select your seeds!
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](mailto: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](http://tinyurl.com/mcearthcenter)

### Rutgers Gardens

112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick  
732-932-8451 | [rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu](http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu)

### Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline (Middlesex)

732-398-5220 | [mastergardeners@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto: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](http://middlesex.njaes.rutgers.edu)

### East Brunswick Community Garden

[ebcommunitygarden.webs.com](http://ebcommunitygarden.webs.com)

## CONTACT US

### General Questions

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### Gardening Questions

Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission  
[febec.com](http://febec.com) | [friends.ebec@gmail.com](mailto:friends.ebec@gmail.com)

## VISIT US

East Brunswick Public Library  
2 Jean Walling Civic Center  
732-390-6767 | [ebpl.org/ebgrow](http://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](http://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](http://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*

