



SEED SWAP HELPSHEET

SEED VIABILITY TIMES

Fruits & Vegetables

Asparagus	3 years
Beans	3 years (up to 8 years)
Beets	4 years
Broccoli	5 years (up to 10 years)
Brussels Sprouts	5 years
Cabbage	3 – 5 years
Cauliflower	5 years (up to 8 years)
Celeriac	4 – 5 years
Celery	2 years (up to 6 years)
Chives	2 years
Collards	4 – 5 years
Cucumber	5 – 6 years (up to 10 years)
Carrots	3 years (up to 10 years)
Eggplant	5 years (up to 10 years)
Endives	4 years (up to 7 years)
Fennel	6 years (up to 10 years)
Kale	4 – 5 years
Kohlrabi	5 years
Leeks	3 years (up to 9 years)
Lettuce	5 years (up to 10 years)
Melons	5 years (Cantaloupe: 6 – 10 years)
Onions	1 – 2 years (up to 7 years)
Parsnips	1 – 3 years
Peas	3 years (up to 8 years)
Peppers	2 – 4 years (up to 10 years)
Pumpkin	4 years
Radish	5 years (up to 10 years)
Salsify	2 years
Scorzonera	2 years
Soybeans	4 years
Sweet Corn	1 – 2 years
Swiss Chard	3 – 4 years
Spinach	5 years (up to 7 years)
Squash	4 – 6 years (up to 10 years)
Strawberry	3 – 6 years
Tomato	4 years (up to 10 years)
Turnip	5 years
Watercress	5 years

Watermelon	4 – 6 years
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Herbs

Most herbs	1 year, with reducing germ. rate every year thereafter
Basil	8 – 10 years
Borage	5 – 10 years
Chicory	5 years
Coriander	2 – 4 years
Horehound	3 years
Parsley	2 – 3 years
Sage	3 – 7 years
Thyme	3 – 7 years

Annual Ornamentals

Ageratum	4 years
Alyssum	4 years
Amaranthus	4 – 5 years
Anthemis	2 years
Anthirrhium	3 – 4 years
Balsam Flower	5 – 6 years
Calendula	5 – 6 years
Celosia	4 years
Cerithe	5 years
Cineraria	3 – 4 years
Clarkia	2 – 3 years
Cosmos	3 – 4 years
California Poppy	3 years
Foxglove	2+ years
Godetia	3 years
Helianthus	2 – 3 years
Hesperis (Sweet Rocket)	3 – 4 years (NB can be invasive)
Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)	2 – 6 months
Hollyhocks	2 – 3 years
Impatiens	2 years
Ipomea (Morning Glory)	2 – 3 years
Larkspur	1 – 2 years
Linaria	3 years
Linum	1 – 2 years
Lobelia	4 years
Lunaria (Money Plant / Honesty)	1 – 2 years (NB can be invasive)
Marigold	2 – 3 years

Myosotis (Forget-Me-Not)	1 – 2 years
Nasturtium	5 – 7 years
Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)	3 – 5 years
Nigella (Love-In-A-Mist)	1 – 2 years
Pansy	1 – 2 years
Pelargonium	1 – 2 years
Petunia	2 – 3 years
Poppy	4 – 5 years
Salvia (Ornamental Sages)	1 year
Schizanthus	4 – 5 years
Sunflower	4 – 6 years
Sweet Peas	2 – 3 years
Sweet William	2 years
Stocks	5 – 6 years
Tithonia	2 years
Viola	1 year
Wallflower	4 – 5 years
Zinnia	5 – 6 years

Perennials

Aquilegia (Columbine)	2 years
Campanula	3 years
Centaurea	1 – 3 years
Daylilies	5 years
Gaillardia	2 – 3 years
Penstemon	2 years
Phlox	1 – 2 years
Rose Campion	5 years