

Simple Living Institute Seed Exchange Guidelines

- 1) This event is a lot of FUN & value, so we hope you will participate!
- 2) If you are going to participate, please take some empty seed packets to fill with seeds. We suggest at least 1 packet of 10 envelopes and no more than 3, to exchange 10 to 30 packets of seeds.
- 3) The night of the seed exchange, you should already have your seeds divvied up into the seed envelopes, and marked according to seed categories. Tables will be set up per each of these categories for seed "shopping":
 - **Cucubits:** Cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, melons, etc.
 - **Flowers, Fruits & Trees:** Papaya, nasturium, sunflowers, eucalyptus, hibiscus, citrus
 - **Greens:** Lettuce, brassicas, spinach, chard, collards...(turnips & beets are also roots)
 - **Herbs:** Basil, chamomile, lemon grass, mint, and oregano, ect.
 - **Legumes:** Beans, peas, pigeon peas, peanuts, etc.
 - **Roots:** Beets, carrots, onions, radish, turnips, chives, etc.
 - **Solanaceae:** Tomato, pepper, eggplants, tomatillo, ect.
 - **Other:** corn, grains, okra, unique seeds like wild Florida cotton.
- 4) Each seed packet should be labeled to identify what kind of seed it is with 4 levels of details:
 - **Seed Type** – For example, Green Beans- Bush, Tendergreen
 - **Number of Days until Harvest** – Example, 60 days/ bears 3 weeks
 - **Planting Guideline** – Example, direct, transplant, 6"apart, ½" deep, Sep-Nov.
 - **Seed Source** – For example, Parks Seed Catalog or My Garden
Green Beans, Bush, Tendergreen, 60 days bears 21 days, direct sow, 6"apart, ½" deep, feb-apr; sep-nov, home
- 5) If you don't have your seeds divvied up, you will have to do this before you get in line and participate. Time is limited & the seed exchange goes fairly quickly.
- 6) Additionally, tickets can be purchased for \$0.25 each or 4 for \$1.00 to get seeds. Simple Living Institute has loaded up the seed bank and there should be plenty of seeds for everyone.
- 7) This is a seeds-for-seeds type of exchange. In other words, I bring 10 diff types of seeds, so this means I get to take 10 diff types of seeds from the tables. The idea is not for me to bring 10 types of seeds and walk away with 20 types.
- 8) For those who have participated in our past seed exchange, please tell us how your seeds turned out, from "Great!" to "Not so great!" This is nice to know so we don't continue to purchase from seed companies where the seeds don't produce.
- 9) While this is not a fund raiser per se for Simple Living Institute, this event allows the organization to develop a bulk seed co-op program. We appreciate your support!
- 10) Unredeemed tickets can be refunded at the end of the seed exchange.