



# SECRETS OF STORING SEED

## HOW LONG WILL SEEDS LAST?

- Healthy seeds will last a surprisingly long time, even centuries, in optimal conditions.

- Most seeds last 3 years in a kitchen cupboard without losing significant germination.

## RESIST SAVING THESE MORE THAN ONE SEASON:

### Alliums & Parsnip

~ alliums are the onion family, including chives, scallions, shallots & leeks ~

- Alliums and parsnip seeds have a thin, fragile seed coat that quickly oxidize, losing their germination by 50% or more each year.

- These are the only seeds worth purchasing fresh each season.

## CONDITIONS FOR OPTIMAL SEED STORAGE



### DRY, DRY, DRY

Reducing humidity is key to storing seed. Dessicant packets (commonly in nori, vitamins and shoes) are ideal to keep in air-tight containers with your seeds.

### COOL + CONSISTENT

The lower the temperature, the longer your seed will store. That being said, stable temperatures are more ideal than fluctuating, so choose a consistent place over an occasionally cold place.



### RODENT-PROOF

We've let countless seeds become the supper of foraging rodents. Glass and metal jars, as well as tupperware, will conveniently keep your seeds from their teeth & keep them fairly air-tight, too.

### DARK

We're sensitive to UV rays and seeds are, too! The darker you keep seeds, the longer they'll store. Seriously, your kitchen cupboard is likely one of the best places to store your seeds.



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