



Seed Bank Membership

Do I have to save seeds to become a member?

No. Membership is available to everyone. Seed growing and saving is encouraged, but is not a requirement.



How do seeds enter the Seed Bank?

- Anyone may contribute seeds to the bank.
- Individuals who contribute seeds must be the original grower.
- Seeds must be grown using organic methods and practices.
- Seeds should be accompanied by a short written history.
- No genetically modified or hybrid seeds are accepted.

What is a seed bank?

A seed bank stores seeds that are grown and saved locally. By placing collective seeds in a bank, a community protects vegetable and flower varieties that may be otherwise discontinued by larger, less interested seed sources.

Goals of the Red Gate Farm Seed Bank

- To provide community access to quality, local seeds.
- To preserve local, heritage and heirloom seed varieties.
- To promote seed saving.
- To develop and distribute seeds that are optimum for our unique New England soils and climate.
- To collect the social histories of our local seeds.

Does a Seed Bank Membership cost money?

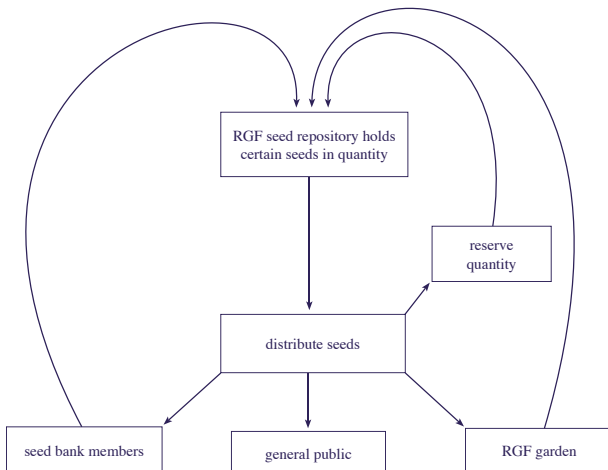
Yes. There is a \$20 annual membership fee to help offset the many costs of operating the seed bank.

What are the benefits of becoming a Seed Bank Member?

- Seed Bank Members can buy seeds from the seed bank at a lower, member rate.
- If a member grows, saves and returns double the amount of seeds taken, they are refunded their original purchase price.
- Members growing seeds for the bank will receive free technical assistance and consulting services from Red Gate Farm.
- There are training workshops and community events that are free of charge to members.
- Red Gate Farm will manage the seed bank for its members - including storage, documentation and seed histories.
- Members can obtain as many seed varieties as are available.

How do seeds get distributed into the community?

- The amount of seed distributed is determined by the total amount and quality of seed in the Bank.
- Seeds are distributed annually to Seed Bank Members, the RGF seed garden, and the general public.
- Seed Bank Members are given priority for seed distributions.
- Seeds grown from Seed Bank seeds are labeled and distributed as "Bank Seeds."
- Seeds contributed from outside sources are labeled and distributed as "Trial Seeds."



Seed Bank Membership Form

Your membership helps to preserve
quality, local seed varieties.
Thank you for your support!

Membership payments should be made
payable to **Red Gate Farm** and sent to:
P.O. Box 300
Buckland, MA 01338

Please write "seed bank membership" on
your check, and include this form.

- I have included a \$20 payment to become a Seed Bank Member.
- I am interested in purchasing seeds from the Seed Bank to grow. Please send me a list of available seeds.

Contact Information

Name
Street
Town, State, Zip code
Phone
Email

- Email is a good way to communicate with me.

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Serving the local community by
growing, saving and distributing
quality, local seeds.

information and membership form