



Hale Page Diamond Lake (HPDL) Triangle Community Garden Little Free Seed Library

What is the Community Garden?

The HPDL Triangle Community Garden was established through the City of Minneapolis [Garden Lease program](#). The [HPDL Community Association](#) leases this vacant city plot, and a group of local residents manages the garden. The plot had a decades-long history of informal use as a garden before formal approval by Minneapolis in 2018. If you have questions about this garden or the seed library, you can contact: hpdl.garden@gmail.com

What is the Little Free Seed Library?

The Little Free Seed Library was built and installed in 2021 by a local gardener to share resources with the community. This library is available to make it easier for residents to try gardening and to try growing new types of produce and native plants without purchasing packets with hundreds of seeds that a single family may not need.

- Seeds are free.
- Donations are welcome!
- The gardening books and magazines are available for 3 day loans only. Please return to the library!

Where have these seeds come from?

Current seeds have been donated by HPDL Community Association, the [MN Green program](#) through the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and by gardeners like you!

How do I use seeds?

The small tray labeled “Envelopes” has two sizes of envelopes that you can use to bring home small or large seeds. You can write the details of each seed type onto separate envelopes. Take enough seeds for your household from the library and place into envelopes. Bring seeds home and grow! If you are looking for help starting and transplanting seeds, the University of Minnesota has an extension site with [gardening tips](#). A [YouTube channel](#) from a Michigan gardener has helpful videos focused on northern climates.

How do I donate money?

You can donate money to HPDL Community Organization, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for seed purchases and other garden improvements. You can donate to HPDL to the general fund or specifically for the seed library using the [Give MN](#) donation system. Funds are used to purchase library supplies not available from donations.

How do I donate seeds?

Please consider donating seeds! As more varieties are included in the library, residents in the community can try more new things, both in gardens and in pollinator-friendly landscaping. Donations can be seeds that are purchased or unused household seeds. You can place seed packets in the appropriate labeled slot. Due to seed labeling laws, the free library can only accept seeds that are commercially labeled. Organic, non-organic, heirloom, or hybrid seeds are all welcome.

What are good sources of seeds to purchase?

Gardeners currently purchase seeds from several sources: www.migardener.com, www.parkseed.com, www.restorationseeds.com, and others. We encourage supporting local businesses for gardening supplies.