

Host a seed sow, big or small

Whether you're a community group, garden, school or individual, there are plenty of ways you can get involved and get sowing. Hosting a seed sow is a great opportunity to share surplus resources and knowledge.

Start *small*...

If you don't have a space, community garden or network around you, you can still take part in the Big Seed Sow! Why not invite neighbours to get growing, or swap seeds on your street?



- Spread the word in your community and get others on board. Does someone in your neighbourhood have gardening materials, ideas or skills they'd be willing to share with others?
- Download and print off our **Big Seed Sow posters** to display in your window or in your neighbourhood. Set a date for your seed swap or seed sowing event – the Big Seed Sow is taking place between **27th March and 2nd April 2023**.
- Pool together any seeds you have that you'd like to swap or sow.
- You could host a seed sowing event in your neighbourhood, or a community seed exchange on your street. If you're putting on a public event, look at our **Go Big** guidance below for extra information.
- Think about any materials and gardening tools you might need, like pots, soil and compost – can anyone donate these to your event?
- Think about the space you have available – can you sow seeds in pots outdoors or on a balcony, or can you start them inside on a sunny windowsill? Do you have space you could donate to look after a neighbour's seedlings?
- Get sowing! Take a look at our seed sowing guidance to get you started.
- Don't forget to document, share and celebrate your Big Seed Sow! Share your photos, videos and stories using **#RHSBigSeedSow**.

...Go Big!

Are you part of an existing community garden, school or group? Why not host a Big Seed Sow for your local community. This could be a group sowing session or a seed swap – this is a chance to get creative!



- Once you have a space, date and team together, download and print off our **Big Seed Sow posters** to spread the word. The Big Seed Sow is taking place between **27th March and 2nd April 2023**. Remember to share your event across your social media, website, newsletter and other channels to get people involved.
- You might want to ask people to sign up to confirm their attendance – this will help you plan ahead and think about resources you'll need.
- Depending on the size of your event, you might need the help of volunteers to help the day run smoothly.
- Check the legalities. Before any event, ensure you've completed a risk assessment. You'll also need Public Liability Insurance before running an event or working with the general public. Make sure you or your group have this and check what it covers.
- We've put together a pack of information to help you run your community event smoothly and safely. Take a look at our **Community Event Toolkit** online.
- Pool together your seeds that you'd like to donate to the event, and remember to ask people to bring their own seeds that they'd like to swap or sow!
- Do you have all the materials and tools you'll need? If you're hosting a sowing event, you might need extra pots, compost, gloves, gardening tools. You could also gather recycled materials like paper, cups or bottles to use as pots.
- Do you need how-to guides or seed sowing guidance? Take a look at our seed sowing guidance, or our downloadable activities for inspiration.
- Have fun! The most important part of the Big Seed Sow is bringing your community together, sharing resources and skills, and learning new things. Share and celebrate your Big Seed Sow using **#RHSBigSeedSow**.