



Seed Envelope Template

Trace the pattern on a clean sheet of paper or cut this one out. Cut along the solid lines. Fold along the dashed lines. Use a glue stick in the glue margin noted on the pattern. As you collect seeds, write the seed name down. You can also draw or tape a picture onto your envelope. It's a good idea to look up the sowing conditions for each specific seed.

For collecting ethics visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's article: <https://mdc.mo.gov/magazines/missouri-conservationist/2026-06/one-seed-time>

General guidelines from MDC about native seed collecting are as follows:

1. Only collect from places that allow it such as your own property or a neighbor's garden with permission. MDC properties are off limits without a permit, and many parks and public land usually require permission.
2. Leave most of the seeds behind for animals, and so that the plants can reproduce themselves in their ecosystem.
3. Never collect seeds from rare plants.
4. MDC's article says that you should only collect from a plant species if there are at least 10 of those plants around, and in that case, only take from one of those 10 plants, leaving most of its seeds still behind.

TOP FOLD

Glue

Missouri BLUEBIRD Society

Seed Name

SIDE FOLD

Plant Drawing or Photo

Collection Date Collection Location

BOTTOM FOLD

Glue