Making Seed Bombs



NOTES:

Step 1: If you can't find clay powder (craft stores), you can use shredded wet newspaper.

Step 4: If using small seeds, you can roll your ball in the seeds, and press to incorporate into the surface. Don't use too many seeds.

Step 6: If using native perennial seeds, scatter the seed bombs in late fall/winter. Our native perennials need cold stratification to germinate, and will germinate in the spring when the weather warms sufficiently.

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Winter Seed Sowing in Milk Jugs

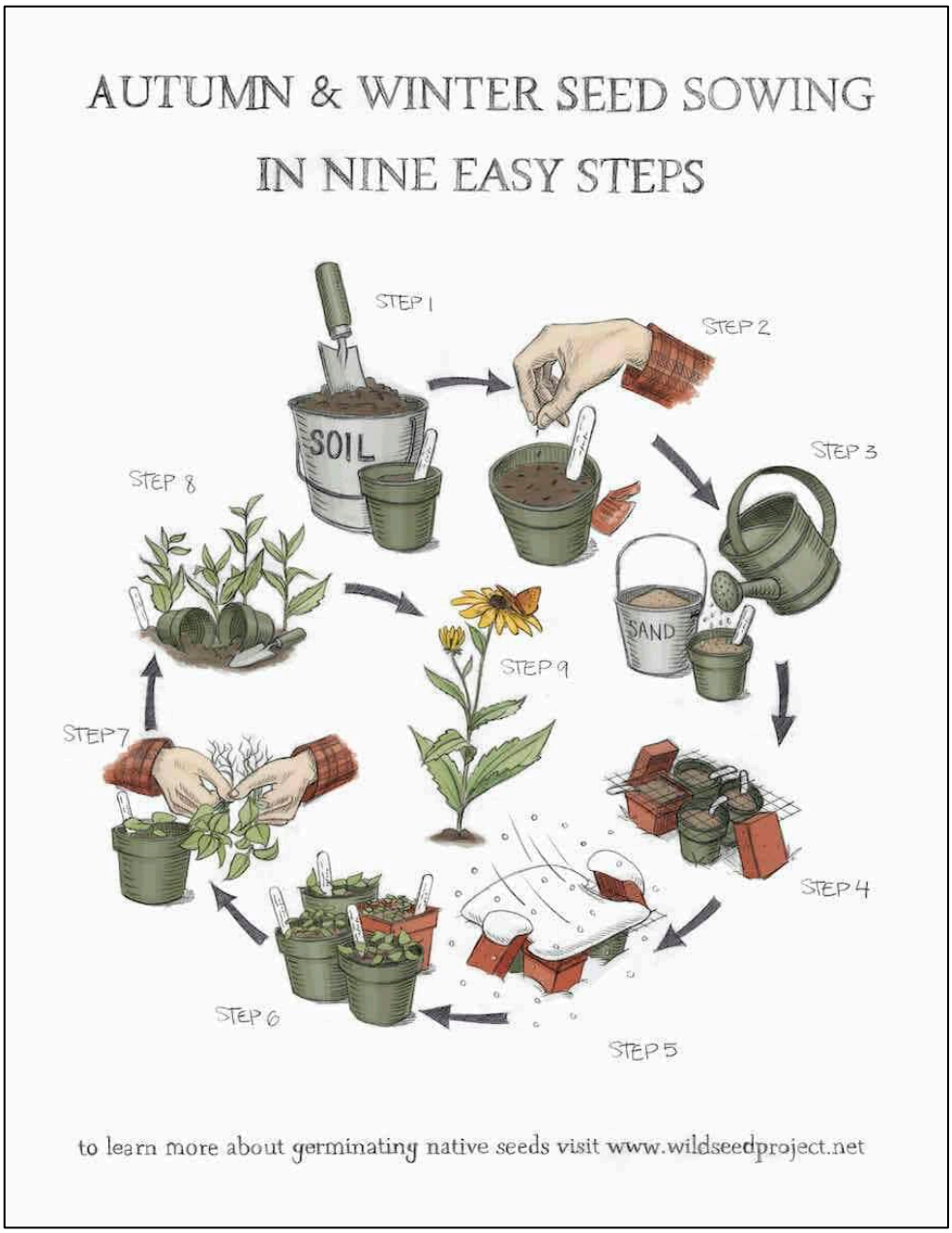
For perennials requiring cold stratification (most native perennials), Can also be used for cold-weather annuals (like lettuce, kale, peas, etc.) in the very early spring to get a jump on the season. Don't forget to water in the spring when the weather gets warm.



(Image credit: Martha Atkins, Skycrest Studios)

Winter Seed Sowing In Pots

For perennials requiring cold stratification (most native perennials).



(Image credit: wildseedproject.net)

NOTES:

Steps 4 & 5: It is important to mulch your pots over the winter. Clean hay or straw, and salt marsh hay (which does not have seeds and doesn't break down over the winter) are good mulches. The mulch does need to come off in the spring before the sprouting plants are too big (or they'll yellow) and you will need to water as needed in the spring as well.

NATIVE SEED SOURCES

Ernst Conservation Seeds
8884 Mercer Pike, Meadville, PA 16335
800-873-3321 | www.ernstseed.com
Seed. The largest native seed producer and supplier in the eastern US. They sell seed, including seed mixes, for ecological restoration, stormwater management, wildlife support, cover crop use, etc.

Prairie Moon Nursery
32115 Prairie Lane, Winona, MN 55987
866-417-8156 | www.prairiemoon.com
Seed, plugs and bare root plants. Over 700 species of native plants for gardening and restoration. Note: seed is collected in Minnesota and surrounding states.

Toadshade Wildflower Farm
53 Everittstown Road, Frenchtown, NJ 08825
908-996-7500 | www.toadshade.com
Seed and small plants. Specializing in native northeast seed, and also selling nursery-grown perennials. Most seed is collected in New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania.

Vermont Wildflower Farm
PO Box 561, Hinesburg, VT 05461
(802) 425-3641 | www.vermontwildflowerfarm.com
Wildflower seeds, plants, bulbs, grasses, veggies, herbs.

Wild Seed Project
21 Memorial Highway, North Yarmouth, ME 04097
shop@wildseedproject.net | www.wildseedproject.net
New England genotype seed. All seed collected in Maine. 100+ species of wildflowers, ferns, grasses and shrubs for a variety of habitats.

NATIVE PLANT SOURCES (RETAIL)

Bagley Pond Perennials
648 Pumpkin Hill Road, Warner, NH 03278
natives@bagleypondperennials.com | www.bagleypondperennials.com
Primarily native. Mail order, shipping from June to September. Offering a limited number of New England wildflowers, all grown from seed, all straight species plants and no cultivars.

Blue Stem Natives
376 Washington Street, Norwell, MA 02061

info@bluestemnatives.com | www.bluestemnatives.com
Exclusively native. Open seasonally May through October. Check website for details.

Bigelow Nurseries
455 West Main Street, Northboro, MA 01532
508-845-2143 | www.bigelownurseries.com
Retail garden center and also a wholesale nursery.

Blue Moon Farm Perennials
173 Saugatucket Road, Wakefield, RI 02879
401-284-1783 | www.bluemoonfarmperennials.com
Retail nursery.

Native Plant Trust
www.nativeplanttrust.org
Garden in the Woods | 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701
508-877-7630 |
Nasami Farm | 128 North Street, Whately, MA 01093
413-397-9922
Sells exclusively native plants at both locations.

Russell's Garden Center
397 Boston Post Road, Wayland, MA 01778
508-358-2283 | www.russellsgardencenter.com
Retail garden center.

Sylvan Nursery
1028 Horseneck Road, Westport, MA 02790
508-636-4573 | www.sylvannurseries.com
Primarily wholesale, but open to retail customers a few days a week.

Weston Nurseries
www.westonnurseries.com
93 East Main Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748
508-435-3414 |
160 Pine Hill Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824
978-349-0055
Wholesale nursery with several retail garden centers.