

## Winter Gardening With Native Seeds



1. Cut around gallon milk jugs about 4" from the bottom. Leave a couple inches so the top can hinge open. Discard the cap on the milk carton.
2. There needs to be drainage in the jug. Place jug on a piece of wood and use a hammer and screwdriver or awl to pound 6-8 holes in the bottom.
3. Label the container with the seed to be planted.
4. Put about 3 1/2" damp potting mix in the bottom of the jug.
5. Spread seeds over the soil and top with a bit more moist potting mix. For larger seeds, you can poke holes and put the seeds in the hole.
6. Bend the top back up and tape it all together (packing or duct tape).
7. Place jugs outside in the snow (Feb/Mar) where they can get snow, rain, and light. Make sure the cap is off the milk jug. (Avoid the north side of the house.)
8. In the spring, after germination, open the lids during the day and close them up for freezing nights.
9. Once temps warm, cut off the tops and let the seedlings grow.
10. Keep an eye on the jugs so they don't dry out.
11. Transplant to where you want them to grow.