

SEED COLLECTION GUIDE

with Tomorrow's Trees

Plan

1. When? September and October
2. Where? Your yard, neighborhood, street trees, churches, schools, parking lots and parks. Think trees in open spaces but not forests! Look for minimal ground cover.
3. Permission? If you wish to collect from a property other than your own—even if it is public land—be sure to get permission!
4. Which Trees? Maryland and VA state nurseries collect different types of acorns and tree seeds year to year. Check the list! And collect from healthy looking trees.
5. Still not sure? Attend an event and learn from the pros!
@ tomorrows-trees.org/events/

Gather

1. Make sure the tree is correctly identified. (If unsure include a leaf in the bag)
2. Don't MIX types of acorns! One type per bag.
3. Collect in a dry bag made of breathable material, such as burlap or paper. No plastic! (Extra bags will be at collection bins)
4. "If it has a sprout, hole or crack, then throw it back!" (The nursery cannot plant sprouted seeds)
5. Minimize debris (e.g. sticks, leaves, gravel, trash) in the collection bag.
6. Please don't float test- this will be done at the nursery and no need to clean fruit seeds (unless you want to eat paw-paw fruit).
7. Leave 30% behind for the wildlife.

Drop-Off

1. Find your nearest drop-off site @ tomorrows-trees.org/find-a-dropoff/
2. Label the bag (Tree type, location, date collected).
3. Drop your collection in the drop-off bin. *Bin hosts and volunteers will take collections to refrigerated storage once a week
4. Let us know how your seed collection went by submitting a testimonial or photos to trees@potomac.org

**CONGRATULATIONS - YOU HELPED OUR STATE TREE NURSERIES GROW
NATIVE TREES FOR FUTURE TREE PLANTINGS AROUND THE REGION!**

