

Are Your Garden Seeds Still Good?

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about planting your garden. But before you start planting, you need to make sure that your garden seeds are still good.



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Garden seeds have a limited lifespan, and they can lose their viability over time. The viability of seeds depends on a number of factors, including the type of seed, the storage conditions, and the age of the seed.

To ensure that your garden seeds are still good, you should test them before planting. There are a few different ways to test seeds, but the most common method is the germination test.

Germination Test

To perform a germination test, you will need:

- A few seeds
- A damp paper towel
- A plastic baggie

Instructions:

1. Fold the paper towel in half and moisten it with water. 2. Place the seeds on the paper towel. 3. Fold the paper towel over the seeds and place it in the plastic baggie. 4. Seal the baggie and place it in a warm, dark place. 5. Check the seeds every day for germination.

Most seeds will germinate within a few days. If your seeds do not germinate within a week, they are probably not viable.

Other Factors to Consider

In addition to testing your seeds, there are a few other factors to consider when determining whether or not your garden seeds are still good.

- **Type of seed:** Some types of seeds have a longer lifespan than others. For example, bean seeds can last for up to 5 years, while tomato seeds only last for about 3 years.
- **Storage conditions:** Seeds should be stored in a cool, dark, and dry place. Avoid storing seeds in areas that are exposed to extreme temperatures or humidity.
- **Age of the seed:** As seeds age, they lose their viability. It is best to use seeds that are less than 2 years old.

When to Replace Seeds

If your garden seeds are not germinating, or if they are more than 2 years old, it is time to replace them. You can Free Download new seeds from a garden center or online retailer.

When purchasing new seeds, be sure to check the expiration date. You should also store your seeds in a cool, dark, and dry place to ensure their longevity.

Checking the viability of your garden seeds is an important step in ensuring a successful garden. By testing your seeds, you can avoid planting seeds that will not germinate. You can also save yourself time and money by replacing seeds that are no longer viable.

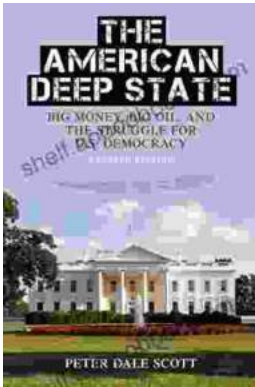


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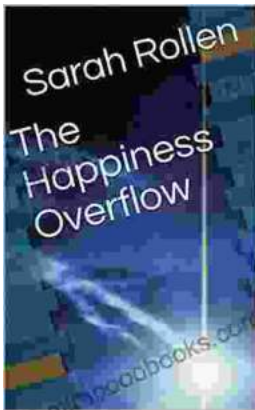
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