

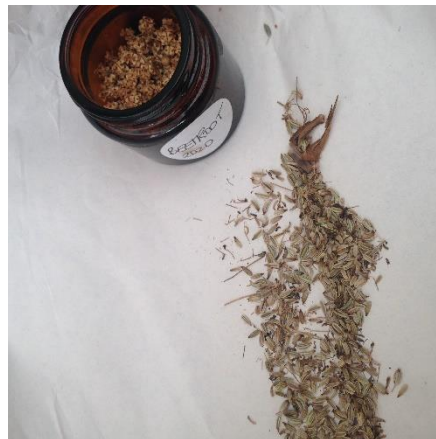
Saving Seeds

In April is your last chance to save any seeds from late blooming plants from the summer garden. It is well worth saving your own seed as not only is this next year's crop free, but I find the seed is often stronger and more viable.

Below is a late Dill plant that has sent up a beautiful flower which I have staked and will leave to let seed develop. I'm hoping it will survive the autumn rain and wind.



Once the seed head is starting to dry off and go brown, then pick it and lay out in a sheltered place to completely dry.



Then I put it in a paper bag and shake the bag, sometimes rubbing between fingers to release the seeds.

Empty seeds out onto a piece of paper and pick out the chaff, stalks etc and then store seeds in a clean airtight container. Don't forget to label them!