

PLANT YOUR NATIVE SEED: TOILET PAPER ROLL METHOD

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Supplies Needed: native seed (not pictured), soil, milk jug, toilet paper rolls, and duct tape

Make four equal cuts, about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long, in one end of each of your toilet paper rolls. Fold the flaps and lock in place.



Fold all four flaps and lock in place to create a bottom.



Fill toilet paper rolls with soil, leaving about a $\frac{1}{2}$ " space at the top. Scatter seeds on top of the soil and press the seeds gently into the soil. Sprinkle a small amount of soil over the seeds (no more than a $\frac{1}{4}$ " or they won't germinate!) and dampen with a spray bottle.



Nestle your toilet paper rolls in your milk jug and put more soil *around* the tubes to hold them in place and provide extra insulation.





Close and seal your jug with duct tape. Leave the lid off.

Set your jug outside when winter hits. It's best to do this project in late fall or early winter – to prevent premature germination!

Leaving your native seed outside during the winter will allow the seed to undergo a natural “cold stratification” process. Freezing and thawing will allow your seed to germinate in the spring.



When spring hits and temperatures start to warm up, monitor your seedlings (but don't open the taped milk jug yet).

Once you see sprouts, you can then open the top half of the milk jug and start watering when needed.

When your plants are ready to be transplanted, find a sunny spot in your yard where they can live. Unfold the flaps on the bottom of your toilet paper rolls and plant the entire tube in the ground, at a depth that keeps the soil level inside the roll even with ground level.

Plant your native plants in an area with a little bit of space. Native plants are perennials that will come back, hopefully stronger and larger the following year!

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