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Contact: Leslie Briggance, Library Services Specialist
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Subject: Request Seeds in the Mail from the NOLS Seed Library
Attached: *NOLS Grows Logo.png*, *Seed Library Catalog*

Want try your hand at vegetable gardening this spring? The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is mailing free starter kits of seeds to Clallam County residents. Individuals can complete an online seed request form at www.nols.org/seedlibrary or call 360-417-8500x2 to speak with a library employee who can help them complete the form.

Established in 2017, the NOLS Grows Seed Library is a seed exchange kiosk, stocked with small, pre-packaged quantities of free vegetable seeds, and providing other educational materials related to gardening, growing, and seed-saving. The Seed Library provides residents with a low-cost opportunity to try gardening and experiment with growing small quantities of different plant varieties in order to:

- Encourage responsible stewardship
- Expand knowledge about growing food
- Empower individuals to acquire new skills
- Encourage community

All NOLS locations are currently closed due to the Stay Home Stay Healthy order, making the NOLS Grows Seed Library unavailable during peak planting season, but the Library would like to make seeds available in other ways. The small seed starter kits now available via mail consist of 3-4 packets of seeds. After completing the request form, users can expect their seeds to be

mailed within one week. Requests should be limited to one per household, due to limited supplies.

During the COVID-19 emergency, all North Olympic Library System facilities are closed to the public, but NOLS is always open online, and will continue to serve the community in diverse ways during this public health emergency. Make a virtual visit to the library at www.nols.org to check out the virtual programing and other online services available.





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