



*October 3rd, 2015, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Mesa Harmony Garden, Dolores Drive, Mesa*

SEED BALLS

*Join our volunteer gardeners to
make seed balls and spread them
around the garden ready for the rain*

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HOW TO MAKE SEED BALLS

Seed balls are especially useful in areas with unpredictable rainfall – they sit there, ensconced in their mud-and-compost ball until it rains, safe from birds, rodents, or drying out, and they won't blow away.

For about 50 penny-sized seed balls, mix thoroughly together:

- 1 ½ cups of sifted dry red terra cotta clay *
- 1 cup of sifted finished homemade compost
- ¼ to ½ cup of assorted seeds

*Clay can usually be found in an art supply store catering to people who work in ceramics.

Spray or drip small amounts of water into the dry mix, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Gradually add just enough water so the mix sticks together. Form into ¾" diameter balls (the size of a penny). Set them in the sun or in a warm (not hot) dry place for a couple of days.

When sowing, aim to scatter about ten seed balls per square yard. You can sow them right away if it's the right time of year.

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