

Winter Gardening Newsletter

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A good place to look for cultivars adapted to our climate is the many local and regional seed companies. You can often find them participating in local Seedy Saturday events listed in my last message [a late addition to the list is the Powell River Seedy Saturday March 14 at the Community Living Place on Artaban St.].

Here some local sources I can particularly recommend, followed by two from farther afield that have interesting varieties for year around harvests in our climate.

Salt Spring Seeds www.saltspringseeds.com PO Box 444, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W1

Many unique vegetables and herbs, with tomatoes a specialty; also garlic, dry beans, chick peas, wheat and other grains for home gardens.

West Coast Seeds www.westcoastseeds.com 3925—64th Street, RR#1, Delta, BC V4K 3N2
Phone: 604-952-8820

Tested varieties for the coastal climate; has a large selection of winter hardy vegetables, including winter cauliflowers and broccoli.

Full Circle Seeds www.fullcircleseeds.com P.O. Box 807, Sooke, BC, Canada V0S 1N0 Phone: 250-642-3671

Organic heritage seeds, with a speciality in tomatoes and lettuce; carries many good winter greens.

Seed & Plant Sanctuary for Canada www.seedsanctuary.com PO Box 444, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1

This charitable organization dedicated to preservation and promotion of heritage seeds has over 900 varieties in its gene bank and detailed online records; become a member and grow out rare and interesting varieties that are made available each year to members.

For farther afield:

William Dam Seeds Ltd www.damseeds.com Box 8400, Dundas, Ontario L9H 6M1 Phone: 1-905-628-6641 Supplier of only untreated seed, with many European varieties; large selection of winter greens, especially chicory, endive and kale, also red torpedo onions.

Chiltern Seeds www.chilternseeds.co.uk Bortree Stile, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 7PB, England Rare European supplier that will accept foreign orders. Many varieties for winter harvest, especially cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and other European varieties.

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www.saltspringenergystrategy.org