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When the weather is wickedly cold and we really don't want to go outdoors, it's a great time to pour through some garden catalogues or visit websites to plan out some spring planting.

Nichols Garden Nursery [www.nicholsgardennursery.com](http://www.nicholsgardennursery.com) out of Oregon supplies seeds to many of our local nurseries. The complete catalogue is online or you can order a mailed copy via the website or call 1-800-422-3985. Nichols Garden Nursery is celebrating its 60 year anniversary in 2009. Rosemary Nichols McGee's "Gardener's Pantry" blog offers loads of growing tips and recipes too.

Seeds of Change [www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com) is celebrating 20 years in 2009. Seeds and plants from this gardening source are organic and the mission of Seeds of Change is to support sustainable agriculture. Visit the website for information on seed saving, sustainable agriculture, recipes, news articles and a host of information and resources for organic gardening. Or call 1-888-762-7333 to order a catalogue.

Ed Hume Seeds [www.humeseeds.com](http://www.humeseeds.com) (253-435-4414) has not only a catalogue, but also abundant growing information compiled by Ed Hume, one of our Pacific Northwest icons. Hume has been supplying seeds to northwest gardeners since 1977. His seeds are available at many local nurseries, grocery stores and retail outlets. Ed Hume Seeds are known for their ability to grow successfully in our often chilly summers. Ed Hume Seeds is in Puyallup and their children's garden is open to the public. Call Ed Hume Seeds for details.

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com) has over 1200 varieties of heirloom seeds and an online catalogue. Baker Creek Farm is in Missouri in the Ozarks. Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds was started in 1998 to preserve rare and heirloom seeds for future generations. Some of the varieties won't do well here in our area, but many will. The site even has a magazine to peruse online or to order a subscription.

Many of us remember the devastating fire in Pt. Townsend that destroyed Abundant Life Seeds and their entire inventory housed there. Since then Abundant Life Seeds has relocated to London, Oregon, home of Territorial Seeds and London Spring Farms. The new website [www.abundantlifeseeds.com](http://www.abundantlifeseeds.com) tells the story of the relocation and offers an online catalogue. All seeds are organic. Call 541-767-9606 to order a catalogue if you do not have Internet access.

Territorial Seeds 800-626-0866 [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com) has oodles and oodles of gardening information including gardening tips from the staff and canning information. The site also has mason bee kits and white button mushroom kits along with seeds, seeds and more seeds. Territorial Seeds are available locally at nurseries, garden centers and other retail outlets.

Ronnigers Potato Farm in Colorado is renowned for its seed potatoes and garlic starts suitable for growing here in our climate too. Visit [www.ronnigers.com](http://www.ronnigers.com) (877-204-8704) to explore the website, read the blog and learn how to grow garlic and potatoes. Ronnigers features organic and heirloom varieties.