



What are seed balls?

Seed balls are a method for distributing seeds by encasing them in a mixture of clay and soil. This is a cheap, low-maintenance method of native plant revegetation that requires no supplemental watering after the seedballs are sowed, other than rainfall. Once created, they can be scattered directly onto the ground, and not planted. They can be useful for seeding dry, thin, and compacted soils and reclaiming damaged ground. Because the clay and soil preserve the seeds from drying out in the sun, seed balls are particularly useful in arid regions where rainfall is unpredictable.

Why are they important?

By distributing native seed balls, we can increase plant diversity, which improves the health of riparian ecosystems like the one along Shoal Creek, and supports creek health in a number of ways. Native plants are also good for our pollinators and other wildlife, and bring beauty to our urban green spaces.

How are they made?

Easy! Follow these simple steps -

What you'll need:

- Native seed mix that is appropriate for your location
- Terracotta clay
- Potting soil
- Measuring cups
- Mixing bowl or tray
- Water

1. Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup clay, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soil, and 1 tbsp native seeds
2. Add a small amount of water and mix until the mixture sticks together like cookie dough
3. Take a pinch of the finished mixture and roll into quarter-sized round balls
4. Distribute on a relatively flat area where they are in contact with bare soil

Visit this map for suggestions of seed ball distribution sites - <https://bit.ly/3xkaB25>

To purchase native seed mixes, visit: <https://seedsources.com/shop-for-natives/native-seed/mixes/>

For a video tutorial on making seed balls, visit: <https://youtu.be/YhgLSF4x1Ac>

After you have made and dispersed your seed balls, please fill out this form so we can track your efforts!
- <https://forms.gle/jgnxMabqwgWWFzrm7>