



# Be A Steward... Collect for Conservation

Henricopolis SWCD  
will accept your acorns for planting at a  
VA Department of Forestry Seedling Nursery

The Virginia Department of Forestry needs your help to continue producing quality seedlings for Virginia landowners. Virginia-grown seed generally produces trees that will grow well in our state. Every year, homeowners from all over the state donate acorns and other seed to help the Department produce the next season's crop. It also allows individuals to learn more about Virginia trees. Every year, homeowners spend countless hours raking up acorns and wonder what to do with them. We have the answer... donate your acorns to the Virginia Department of Forestry!

### How and When to Collect

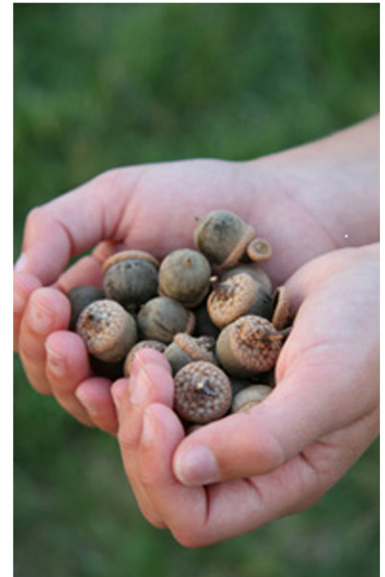
Collect acorns in September and October. Locate trees in large open areas, such as adjacent to schools, churches or parking lots to avoid difficulty identifying the tree species that is the source of the acorn or seed. Look for healthy trees; avoid trees that have bulges or insect infestation, or appear diseased or strangely deformed.

Use leaf rakes or blowers to make collection easier. Collect acorns in a bucket so you can remove any damaged seeds, sticks, leaves, rocks, debris or other trash before dumping into a paper grocery bag.

### Guidelines for Collecting

- Make sure the tree is correctly identified.
- Remove trash (sticks, leaves, gravel, etc.)
- Acorns may or may not still have the caps attached.
- Place the seed in a breathable sack or bag, such as a burlap or paper bag. (No Plastic Bags, Please!)
- One type of seed should not be mixed with another. (For example: white oak acorns should be in one bag and red oak acorns should be in another.)
- Make sure each bag of seed is labeled with the species, source location and date. If you are uncertain of the species, include one leaf and stem in the bag to help the nursery staff identify the seed.
- Place acorns and seed in a cool area. Seed will spoil if it is overheated. Do not allow seed to dry out for an extended period (no more than 10 days).

**Celebrate  
Stewardship Week  
October 2-8, 2011**



### Species Needed:

Pin Oak	Sawtooth Oak
White Oak	Hazelnut
Northern Red Oak	Alleghany Chinkapin
Willow Oak	Black Walnut
Chestnut Oak	Chinese Walnut
Black Oak	

For information regarding acorn or seed identification, visit [www.dof.virginia.gov/mgt/acorn-descriptions.htm](http://www.dof.virginia.gov/mgt/acorn-descriptions.htm).

Bring your collected acorns to:

#### **VA Department of Forestry, Henrico County Office**

2229 East Nine Mile Road  
Sandston, Virginia 23150  
328-3031

or

#### **Henricopolis SWCD Office**

8600 Dixon Powers Drive  
Henrico, VA 23228  
501-5175

### **HCPS TEACHERS!**

Call the HSWCD office to have someone pick up your collection.