



Grow native wildflowers
(and other stuff too!) in

Milk Jug Mini-Greenhouses



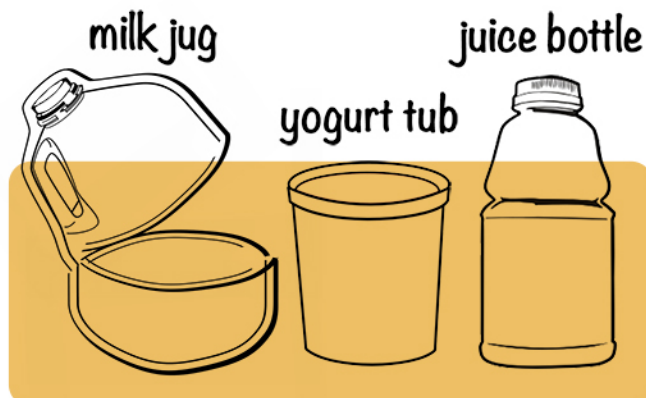
The Winter Sow Method

The winter sow method involves sowing seeds in altered milk jugs or other suitable containers and allowing them to spend the winter outside. As temperatures fluctuate, the seeds will undergo several freeze/thaw cycles breaking down the seed coat and encouraging germination! The milk-jug also acts as a mini-greenhouse producing earlier germination in spring.

Soil Use potting mix including perlite, peat, vermiculite or other natural amendments. Do not use topsoil or regular garden soil - it will be too heavy and will not retain enough moisture to germinate. Avoid potting mix with fertilizer, it can kill young seedlings.

Light Place your containers in an area that gets full sun throughout winter and into spring.

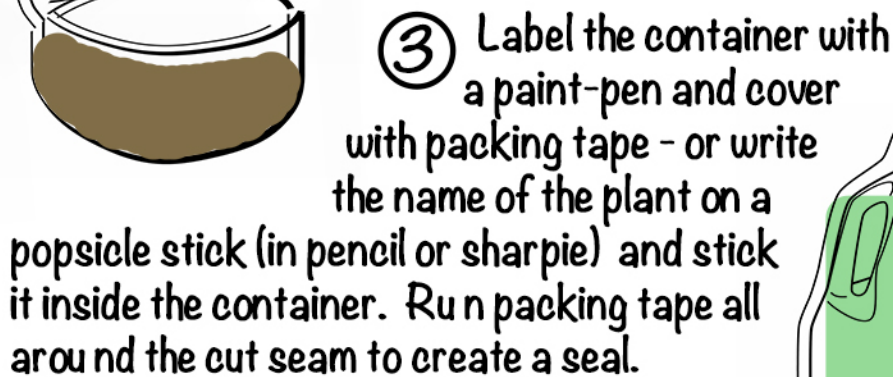
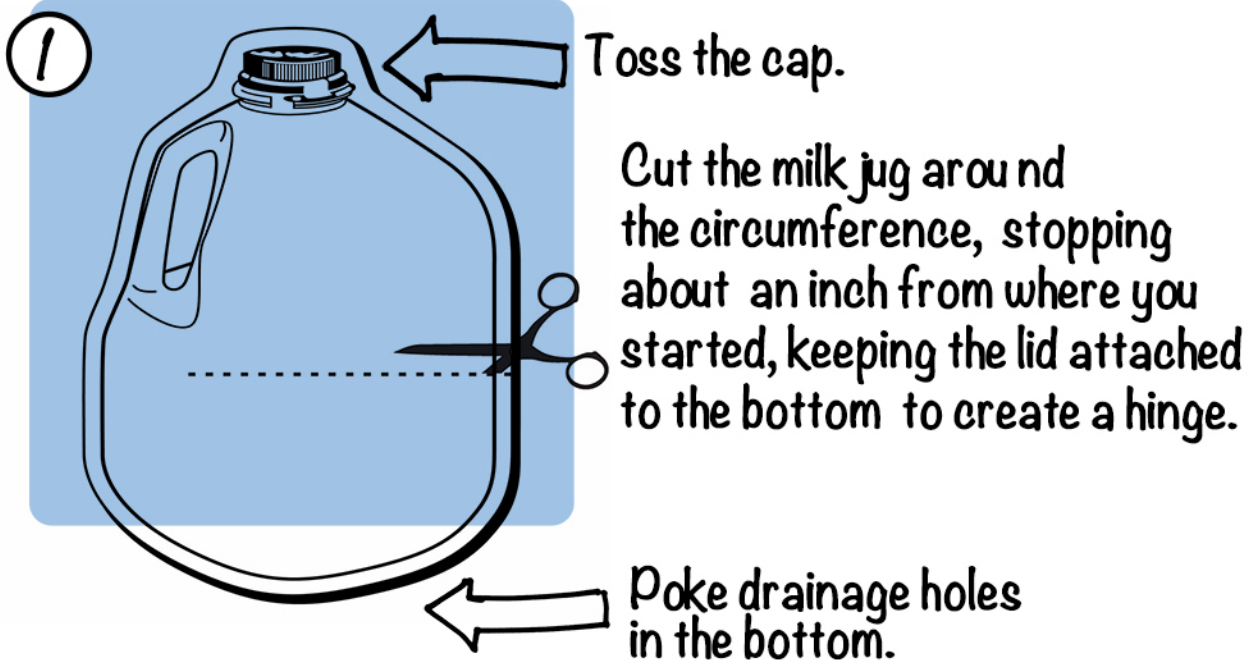
Water Start with moist potting mix. The opening in the container will allow enough snow and rain to get in to keep the container wet. In spring as temperatures warm up, check the containers often and water as needed.



Containers

Containers should be semi-transparent, have a removable lid or opening, and allow a minimum of 2 inches of soil depth.

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