Receipt of Unsolicited Seeds

Do Not Plant Unsolicited Seeds and Please Fill Out Form Online
Residents across Massachusetts have reported receiving unsolicited packages that appear to have originated in a foreign country and contain seeds.

Residents that receive or have received an unsolicited package of seeds should not plant the seeds and immediately complete the form at https://www.mass.gov/forms/receipt-of-unsolicited-seeds to provide important information to state plant regulatory officials. MDAR will provide this information to the USDA.

Residents that receive a package should hold on to the seeds and all packaging, including the mailing label. Please place the contents in a zip lock bag and mail them to the address below for identification and processing.

USDA APHIS PPQ,

97 Barnes Road Unit 200,

Wallingford, CT 06492

“While the exact types of seeds in the packages are unknown, the seeds are thought to be invasive plant species, and not believed to be harmful to humans or pets but could pose a significant risk to agriculture or the environment.

Due to the volume of reports that we have been receiving, MDAR will not be able to reply to each individual regarding the results of the identification. If you have plant material, we ask that you fill out the form and we will provide further instructions soon.”