

SEEDS

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR SEEDLINGS ARE OKAY?

If it is your first time planting seeds indoors, and the weather isn't cooperating, you may be thinking, are they okay?

Living in upstate New York, and growing up in Wisconsin, I know all too well, the itch we get soon.

And for us, cold weather places, starting too soon, without a grow light means our seeds probably aren't getting enough sun.

Don't worry you can still save most of them.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK

Are your stems limp and or/weathering?

This is not good. And they will probably die. This happens most often when you overwater your seedlings.

FIX- Make sure the topsoil of your seedlings is dry. Water from the bottom, not the top. If you have a lid still on remove it.

Are your seedlings getting all leggy?

This can be saved. The problem is if they keep going at this rate, they won't be able to support and will collapse over and die.

FIX- Light. This is all due to a lighting issue. Use south-facing windows. You may need to harden off seedlings earlier. Otherwise direct sow these seeds.

NOTHING HAPPENING?

Is your pot still empty?

FIX-Gently move around the topsoil. Sometimes the seeds are a little lower and behind the others. If you still don't see any type of growth from the seed, it was probably because of your temperature. Seeds are picky. Tomato seeds like a temperature of about 75-80 degrees. Lettuce, carrots and zucchini like it cooler

SOIL TOO WET OR DRY?

Sometimes with seed starting soil it looks like it is dark and wet, but when you go to touch it, it's completely dry. With seedlings, the best way to check for water is with a finger. No eyeballing it. If you can't water from the bottom, mist the tops with a sprayer