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Thanks for clicking on the FAQ. This guide will showcase where to find all the life-enhancing Yellow Herbs throughout the main game, Assignment Ada, and Separate Ways (for the PS2 version). I will break down the locations by Chapter and if the Herb can be backtracked in case you missed it.

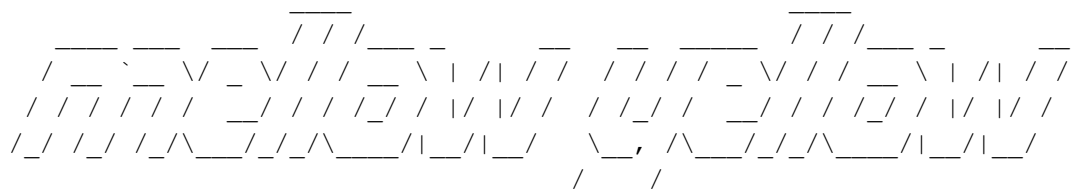
If you didn't notice, Leon begins the main game with a relatively short life bar. Also notice that his life bar is circular and extends all the way around. How do you increase Leon's energy gauge? Simple, by consuming mixed Yellow Herbs!

What is a Yellow Herb?

It is a gold colored plant that has no healing effects by itself. To use the Yellow Herb properly, it must be combined with either a Green or Red Herb (or both). When consumed, the energy bar of Leon or Ashley is increased by 5% each time.

Another way to increase your energy gauge is to combine three (count 'em three) Yellow Herbs into one vial.

There are 27 total Yellow Herbs in the main game. It may take at least two consecutive playthroughs of RE4 to fully maximize Leon and Ashley's energy bar so read this guide to find where they all are!



++NOTE: The locations of the YH's in the main game and Assignment Ada have NOT been changed in the PS2 version.

Here are the locations of every Yellow Herb in the game. Happy hunting!

== CHAPTER 1-1 ==

LOCATION: PUEBLO VILLAGE

Behind the large shack with the lone cow is a crate sitting on top of a large box. Break open the crate to find your first YH.

== CHAPTER 1-2 ==

LOCATION: MOUNTAIN VALLEY

Next to the exit (where you use the EMBLEM) is a small shack. Enter the shack and open one of the lockers to find a YH.

== CHAPTER 1-3 ==

LOCATION: THE LAKE (before Del Lago boss battle)

Just before heading to the building with the Save Typewriter is a small shack. Enter the shack and break open one of the crates to find a YH.

NOTE: You can backtrack and retrieve this item after the Del Lago battle. Just be ready to face off against some killer dogs.

== CHAPTER 2-1 ==

LOCATION: EL GIGANTE BOSS BATTLE (during or after)

You can obtain the YH either during the battle with El Gigante or after Leon kills it. Either way, don't pass up on this item!

== CHAPTER 2-2 ==

LOCATION: CABIN

In this sequence, Leon and Luis battle multiple villagers trying to raid the cabin. The YH is right next to the door. You can't miss it!

== CHAPTER 2-3 ==

LOCATION: BITORES MENDEZ BOSS BATTLE (during or after)

The YH is located on the second floor in the cabin where you battle Mendez. It's better to obtain the YH after defeating Mendez.

NOTE: If Leon exits the shack before obtaining the YH, he CANNOT go back to get it!

== CHAPTER 3-1 ==

LOCATION: UPPER BALCONY NEAR CASTLE ENTRANCE

First eliminate all the fireball-hurling enemies during this sequence! Once they're all dead, head to the small room across the mini-bridge from the Crank (where you bring up the large cannon). The YH is in one of the chests.

== CHAPTER 3-1 ==

LOCATION: BEFORE THE PRISON KEY ROOM

Just before grabbing the Prison Key, you'll find three large crates in the adjacent room. Destroy them to find the YH.

== CHAPTER 3-2 ==

LOCATION: SEWERS AREA

In this sequence, Leon will encounter the invisible Novistadors in the prison cell area. The YH is in one of the prison cells on the right side. (It's the one with the dead man inside, just FYI.)

== CHAPTER 3-2 ==

LOCATION: GALLERY

The YH is in the room where you obtain the GOAT ORNAMENT item. Take the stairs up to the second floor and you'll see the YH.

== CHAPTER 3-2 ==

LOCATION: THE GARDEN MAZE

Open up the map and look for the dead end on the lower left side. The YH is located right there.

== CHAPTER 3-3 ==

No Yellow Herbs in this Chapter!

== CHAPTER 3-4 ==

LOCATION: ADVENTURE WITH ASHLEY

During the brief level with Ashley, she can obtain one YH. It's in the corner further left from the Save Typewriter.

== CHAPTER 4-1 ==

LOCATION: BEFORE THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROOM WITH THE KING'S GRAIL

Before entering the room with all the Armored Knights is a table with the "SAMPLE RETRIEVED" memo and a YH. You can't miss it!

== CHAPTER 4-1 ==

LOCATION: THE PIT

After the scene where Salazar tries to impale Leon, he ends up in a wet and murky pit (with a Merchant who just happens to be mysteriously standing there). The YH is right next to the Merchant.

== CHAPTER 4-2 ==

No Yellow Herbs in this chapter.

== CHAPTER 4-3 ==

LOCATION: THE UNDERGROUND MAZE

In this area, you encounter multiple villagers and two chainsaw maniacs. After ridding them all, head to the upstairs room to retrieve the KEY TO THE MINE Key Item. The YH is located across from the Key Item.

== CHAPTER 4-4 ==

LOCATION: THE FINAL TOWER

In this sequence, Leon grabs his knife and impales Salazar's left hand. After Salazar runs away, DO NOT HEAD UP THE STAIRS YET! There is a YH in a hidden chest in one of the corners of the bottom floor.

== CHAPTER 5-1 ==

LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS FROM THE MONITOR ROOM

In this sequence, Leon will view the security monitors and see Ashley in a prison cell. After this cutscene, head to the previous room and take the stairs down to a sort of basement. Rid all the enemies that appear here. When that's done, head for the corner to find two hidden large crates. The YH is inside one the crates.

== CHAPTER 5-1 ==

LOCATION: WASTE DISPOSAL SECURITY ROOM

After getting past all the garbage cans in the Waste Disposal room, head for the next room. The YH is on the table in the security room. You can't miss it!

== CHAPTER 5-1 ==

LOCATION: COMMUNICATION TOWER

After obtaining the STORAGE ROOM CARD KEY from the Iron Maiden, DO NOT GO BACK TO FREE ASHLEY JUST YET! Instead, head outside (from where the Iron Maiden emerged from) to a large metal walkway. Further down the walkway is a Merchant and three large crates. Shoot one of the crates to find the YH. Now go back and free Ashley!

== CHAPTER 5-2 ==

LOCATION: NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE TRUCK-DOZER

Just before the room with the truck-dozer, you'll find a YH sitting across from the Save Typewriter room. You can't miss it!

== CHAPTER 5-3 ==

LOCATION: JUST BEFORE ENCOUNTERING "IT"

Just before you encounter "It", there is a cage that has been torn open. Inside the cage is a YH.

NOTE: You can obtain the YH after the "It" boss battle if you missed it. Near the ladder exit is a lift. Enter the lift and ride it back to the other side. Obtain the YH and then head back.

== CHAPTER 5-3 ==

LOCATION: CAMPGROUND AFTER THE "IT" BOSS BATTLE

After defeating "It", climb the ladder back up to solid ground. Turn around to see a large tent and a couple of soldiers. Eliminate them all from above and then jump down. DO NOT ENTER THE TENT YET! Head for the gate blocking the entrance to the Fortress. There is a YH sitting nearby.

== CHAPTER 5-3 ==

LOCATION: DOWNSTAIRS JUST BEFORE FINAL KRAUSER BOSS BATTLE

Just before you battle Krauser in the upper balcony, there is a YH down the stairs. (The gate will shut behind Leon; you can't miss it!)

== CHAPTER 5-4 ==

LOCATION: COMMANDO TOWER

Head down to the lower area of the commando tower and blast one of the large crates near the fences. The YH is inside one of them.

== CHAPTER 5-4 ==

LOCATION: PRISON CELLS

In this area, you encounter another (but last) Regenerator. The YH is located in a hidden corridor right next to the Save Typewriter.

== CHAPTER 5-4 ==

LOCATION: OUTSIDE SADDLER'S QUARTERS

In this sequence, you face off against your last bout of soldiers and one more Machine-gunner. The YH is located in one of the crates near the numerous red barrels on the right side.

== CHAPTER 5-5 ==

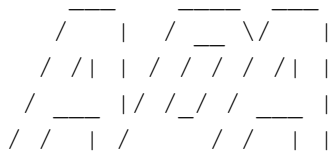
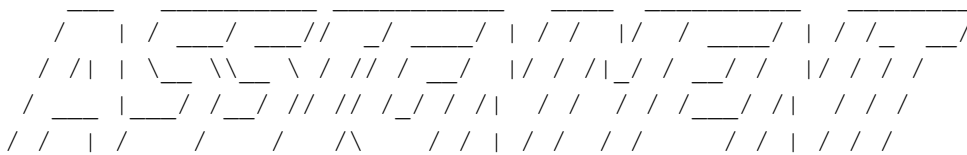
LOCATION: OUTSIDE THE SURGERY ROOM

Make your way out of the surgery room and head outside. The YH is located next to the Merchant (where you also find the "OUR PLAN" memo).

CONGRATS! You found every Yellow Herb in the game. It's up to you to decide on who will get the life enhancement.

Remember that when you start another cleared game (NEW ROUND), the extended life bar carries over to that game. So if Leon's life gauge isn't fully maximized, then go and find the rest of those Yellow Herbs!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! On to Assignment Ada!



Think finding Yellow Herbs ends after Leon saves Ashley? NO, SIR!! When you start the ASSIGNMENT ADA sub-mission, she can also collect Yellow Herbs to maximize her life bar.

But unlike the main game, Ada CANNOT save her game at any point during the Mission. If she dies, THAT'S IT! That's why it is important to extend Ada's life gauge as far as possible. Read below to find those Herbs!

There are seven total Yellow Herbs in this mini-game and they are located here:

--FIRST AREA (OUTSIDE): TWO

#1: When the game begins, jump down and head to the path all the way to the left. Climb the rocks to find some crates. There's a YH inside one of them.

#2: Head up to the entrance (the one that Leon solves with the rotating mirrors). The YH is behind some sandbags.

--SECOND AREA (OUTSIDE): ONE

#1: In the area where Leon finds the Golden Lynx Treasure Item is a YH sitting in a lone corner.

--PLAGA SAMPLE #1

In the adjacent room where you find the Plaga Sample in the dead scientist's hand is a YH. (This is also the room where Leon encounters the Regenerator for the first time.)

--PLAGA SAMPLE #3

Right next to Plaga Sample #3 is a YH. (It's in the area across from where Ashley was being held prisoner.)

--THE HIDDEN ROOM

Just before heading to the Laboratory to obtain the fourth Plagas Sample is a door. Enter this door to find the YH. (In the main game, Leon finds a Save Typewriter here.)

--THE LABORATORY

In the area where you obtain the fourth Plagas Sample is a YH. It's enclosed behind glass next to a Red and Green Herb. You can't miss it!

That's all the Yellow Herbs in ASSIGNMENT ADA! On to SEPARATE WAYS!

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++NOTE: SEPARATE WAYS is an all-new scenario to RE4. All info in this section is only for players that have the PS2 version.

Unlike Assignment Ada, the Separate Ways Missions are part of the main story. Everything that occurs in this section actually happens in real-time from the main game.

There is one Yellow Herb per Chapter (5 total) and I will guide you to each one safely.

--CHAPTER 1: PUEBLO VILLAGE

The YH is in the crate behind the shack with the lone cow.

--CHAPTER 2

--CHAPTER 3: CASTLE GARDEN MAZE

The YH is in the lower left corner of the Maze. Access the Map to find your way to it.

--CHAPTER 4

--CHAPTER 5

All locations on the next update! Hang in there, folks!

It's important that you maximize Leon and Ashley's (and Ada's) health bar during consecutive playthroughs. It would be embarrassing if Leon had the Infinite Rocket Launcher but died because of a short life bar.

If you're having trouble finding the YH's that I've mentioned here, e-mail me at the address below and I will provide screencaps. Trust me, not all these locations are hard to find.

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