

Make your own compost

Did you know that 40 - 60% of your household waste can be composted!

Much of the kitchen waste we discard every day could be used to make fantastic fertilizer for your garden.

Here's how:

1. Pick a shady location in your garden for your compost
2. Get a bin for kitchen scraps
3. Decide on a compost activator (a high nitrogen product to get the compost started)

Try one of the following compost activators:

- A spade full of good soil
- Lucerne products like rabbit food, horse feed or even some (unused) cat litters.

Start gathering your garden waste and kitchen scraps into a pile in your yard.

Mix it up regularly.

Over time the pile will turn into compost.

Dig compost from the bottom of the pile to use.

If you live in an apartment, try worm composting - clean and easy for inside. Alternatively you can purchase the portable composting bin from your local hardware shop and store it in the balcony or in a well ventilated area to avoid pests..

What can be composted?

Greens such as:

- fruit and vegetable scraps, peels and rinds
- coffee grounds and tea bags
- eggs shells
- stalks, stems and leaves
- lawn clippings

Browns such as:

- nut shells
- leaves
- straw

- paper
- cardboard and egg cartons

What can't be composted?

- cooked food
- dairy products
- fish
- meat or bones
- cat or dog waste
- charcoal
- woody plant matter (it takes too long to decompose)
- **invasive plants (you'll spread them over your garden and your neighbours won't be impressed!)**

Your compost is ready when it looks dark and crumbly like soil.