

How to compost?



Wooden compost bin

Wire mesh compost bin



Heap or pile composting

Plastic compost bin



Composting guidelines



- ▶ Shred all components to a length of 5 cm to make it easier for the microorganisms.
- ▶ Green plant material should wilt before you add it to compost.
- ▶ Make sure that the compost is not too wet, so add dry ingredients like hay or saw dust from time to time.
- ▶ The bottom of the composter should be placed directly on the ground, except in the case of house composter bins in which holes should be made.



You too can compost!

Bio-waste comprises as much as 40% of the average garbage bin. Take on composting and create fertiliser for your plants and reduce the quantity of waste in your bin.



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What is compost?

Composting is the process of biological decomposition of the organic fraction of waste happening all round us.

Compost is a product of biological decomposition of bio-waste used as soil amendment.

What to compost?

Eggshells, fruit and vegetable peel, lettuce leaves, potato peels, leaves, dry twigs, wilted flowers, dropped fruit, vegetable leftovers, sawdust, wood bark, straw.

What to not compost?

Cooked, liquid food scraps, leftover meat and fish, ash, rubber, cat litter, medicines, cigarettes, newspapers and colour magazines, plastics, cellophane, oil, lard, batteries, stained and varnished wood, leftover paint, dairy products, preparations...

As much as 30% of the total household waste contains organic waste.



You can make the composter yourself from wooden boards, or you can buy a composter bin for smaller quantities of waste and use it on the balcony.

Composting step-by-step

- ▶ Put some non-shredded twigs on the bottom of the composter to provide aeration, then some leaves, hay, and shredded wood material, such as sawdust.
- ▶ Cover with a thin layer of soil or compost.
- ▶ Put kitchen waste suitable for composting on the prepared substrate, turning it from time to time.
- ▶ Protect the compost pile from the Sun, wind, and rain with a lid or some other type of covering.

How long until the first compost?

- ▶ Composting processes take 6-12 months. With this compost we can enrich the soil in the garden, orchard, vineyard, lawn, or revive the flowers in the flowerpots.