





What is compost ?

Compost forms as a result of the **natural breakdown** of organic material into fine particles by bacteria, fungi, insects  and animals which live in soil. Usually composting is done in a bin where natural rubbish is allowed to mix together and decomposed into a **crumbly fertilizer**

COMPOST BUCKET



Why ?

Composting help us reduce the amount of rubbish that we bin, and the risks of further polluting air , land and water with the rubbish. Organic materials in landfill are a major source of methane, a greenhouse gas causing the global warming  and also a black liquid called "LEACHATE" which can contaminate water supplies . Composting is also an easy way to get some excellent and free fertilizer for the garden.



How to make compost ?

- Add the compost ingredients to the compost bin, mixing the different types of materials together with a garden fork (once a week).
- Compost usually takes between 3 and 9 months to make, although it can take longer than this, especially in cold weather
- The best place to sit a compost bin is a sunny, well-drained area, out of the wind.
- Your compost is ready when it is dark colour and has an earthy smell. When the compost appears to be ready, take some from the bottom of the pile. Put it on your garden and watch your plants grow!





DO ✓

You can use a whole range of things to make compost

- Tea bags and leaves
- Fresh grass
- Vegetable and fruit scraps 
- Coffee ground
- Egg and nutshells
- Hair and animal fur 
- Paper (non-shiny) 

DON'T ✗

Do not add any of the following to your compost bin as they will either not breakdown properly or may be unhygienic or attractive to pests

- Meat and bones
- Fish and seafood 
- Dairy products
- Oily foods and grease
- Printed paper or wood 
- Walnuts

BALANCE OF CARBON AND NITROGEN :

Carbon-rich wastes (2/3)	Nitrogen-rich wastes (1/3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brown - Old - Dry - Hard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green - Wet - Soft - Young
Dead leaves, wood chips, cardboard, twigs...	Fruit and vegetable scraps, flowers, eggshells...