



WSU Master Composters of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties Garbage Can Composter

What to Compost

Greens

- Grass clippings
- Fresh leaves
- Small prunings
- Flowers
- Tea & coffee grounds
- Veggie & fruit scraps
- Seaweed

Browns

- Dry leaves
- Dried flowers
- Corn stalks (chopped)
- Straw
- Wood chips
- Shredded paper
- Newspaper

Do Not Compost

- Meat
- Dairy products
- Dog & cat waste
- Weeds
- Diseased plants
- Non-organic materials
- Sand
- Pressure treated wood
- Pesticide treated plants or grass

Materials:

- 8-10 gallon garbage can with a tight fitting lid
- Coarse materials such as sawdust, wood chips, or straw
- Tie down for the lid

Tools:

- Drill
- Pitchfork or shovel

Instructions:

- Drill a series of ½ inch holes, 4 – 6 inches apart, in the sides and bottom of the garbage can.

Adding materials:

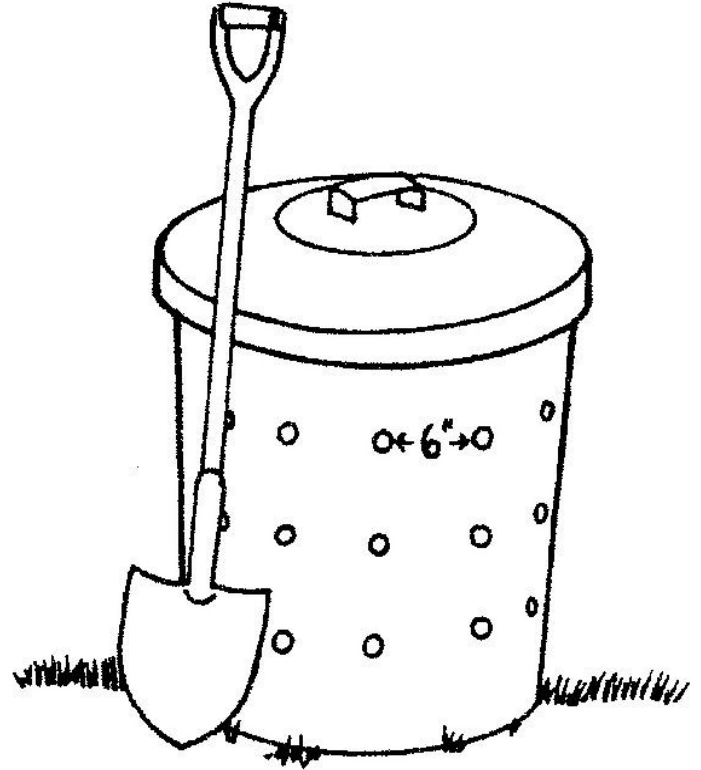
- Place 2-3 inches of coarse materials into the bottom of the can.
- Add raw fruit and vegetable waste, layered with yard waste. Keep the food materials covered with the material from the yard.
- Moisten as necessary.
- Turn or roll the can to help mix and to add air.

Where to use:

- In a smaller yard.

Type of compost:

- Hot –if it is turned or mixed often enough to get hot
- Cold compost-if left for a year



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