



WSU Master Composters of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties

Wire Mesh Circle 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:

- 10'-12' of 36" wide 1/2 " mesh hardware cloth or heavy chicken wire
- Heavy wire for ties
- Thin stakes for stability (optional)

Tools:

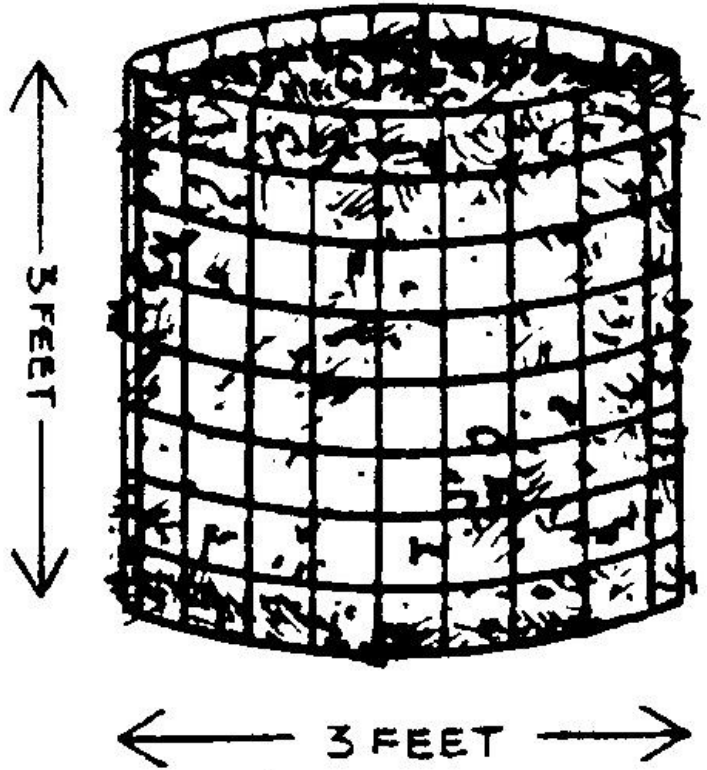
- Wire or tin snips
- Pliers
- Metal file
- Work gloves
- Pitch fork or shovel

Instructions:

- Trim ends of cloth so wires are flush with cross wire.
- File to get rid of rough edges.
- Bend into a circle and stand in place on level ground.
- Using pliers, attach wire ties to ends of circle together to maintain the circle.
- If desired, space and tie stakes within the circle to improve stability.

Adding materials:

- Add yard waste. If adding kitchen waste be sure to bury it deep in the middle so animals can't get to it.
- Occasionally lift the circle and place it next to the pile. Using a pitch fork or shovel, return the materials to the wire mesh bin.
- Keep moist



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Where to use:

- In a small space or you can have many placed close to where you will use the compost.
- The circle bins can be used as holding bins for green and brown materials.

Type of compost:

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

