

COMPOSTING FOR EVERY GARDEN

Seed Swap
and
compost making
Greener Cleaner
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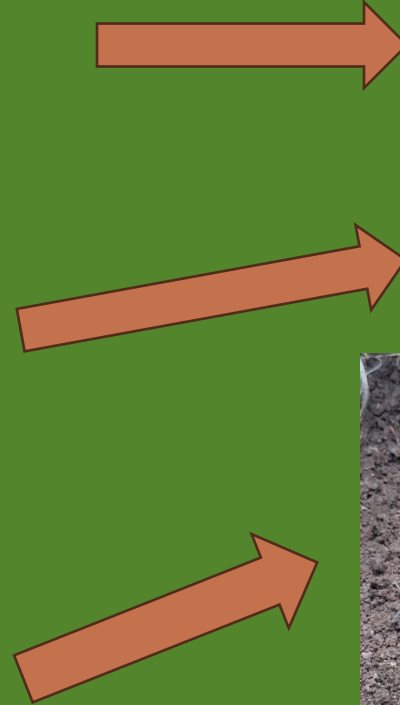
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Why compost?

- **Keep the carbon and nutrients in your soil**
 - **Educational?**
 - **Saves time and money in disposing of garden waste**
 - **It is as easy or hard as you want it to be**
 - **It is satisfying (For some of us)**
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What is compost?



compost

What is composting?

- The breakdown of any organic matter by soil micro-organisms
- It is a natural process that occurs in nature



What is composting?

Any organic material → **Decomposition** → **Compost**



Compost containers?

- **Closed –suitable for cooked kitchen waste – keeps vermin out**
 - **Contained – many varieties**
 - **Open – Informal heap**
 - **It doesn't matter!!**
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The Rolls Royce!



The Alchemy

Green waste X 4

MIX or LAYERS

Brown waste X 1

HOW LONG????

The Alchemy

Green waste X 4parts by volume



WEEDS



Kitchen waste Uncooked?



Grass clippings



Green hedge clippings







Summer fleshy pruning/tidying



Tea leaves, coffee grounds

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Brown waste X 1 part by volume

-  **Fine wood chip/old woodchip**
 -  **Old leaves**
 -  **Cardboard (plain)**
 -  **Winter herbaceous pruning**
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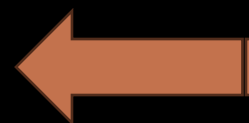
A word about Shredding



What Not to compost

- **Any plastics**
 - **Metal**
 - **Cardboard or paper with shiny inks or multi-coloured**
 - **Treated wood**
 - **“Compostable plastic”?**
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Making compost





THE END
Questions or comments?

Types of composting

- **Cold composting**
 - **Hot composting**
 - **Wormeries**
 - **Natural-Leave on ground!**
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