



## HOME COMPOSTING

Composting turns organic waste such as tea bags, fruit, vegetable peelings and garden waste into a valuable product for the garden and can reduce the amount of household waste you send to landfill by up to 33%.

### YOU CAN COMPOST THE FOLLOWING:

#### GREEN WASTE

- » Fresh garden plant clippings
- » Tea bags
- » Coffee grounds
- » Raw fruit & vegetable peelings
- » Garden waste
- » Leftover food (specific composting unit required)

#### BROWN WASTE

- » Dead plant material
- » Spent compost or clay
- » Limited amounts of paper and cardboard
- » Sawdust
- » Cardboard egg boxes

You cannot compost metals, plastics, oils, treated sawdust or dog/cat litter.

### HOW TO COMPOST?

Choosing the right place for your compost bin is very important – choose a spot in your garden that is not

too sunny and where the soil is free draining. This will ensure your compost will be moist but well aerated and will encourage insect activity and ultimately better compost. Locate the compost bin or heap in a position that is convenient to your house – make using it easy for yourself.

The next step is to get the mixture of waste correct and then to mix the compost often.

There are many different compost systems available - stand alone recycones, digesters, tumblers, wormeries, even electric ones! The best method for you is the one that best suits your needs.

**THE RECYCONE** is suitable for raw vegetables and fruit, tea leaves and tea bags, coffee grounds, small amounts of garden waste, newspaper and cardboard.

**THE FOOD DIGESTER** is suitable for cooked food. This process needs an accelerator in the form of

bacteria in order to ensure breakdown.

**THE WORMERY** is suitable for cooked food. This process is labour intensive and needs care as it contains worms.

Galway County Council run composting workshops throughout the year. To find details of one in your area, please contact the Environment Section.

### REMEMBER - IT'S EASY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM:

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