

Make Your Own Compost Bin



There are several types of home compost container systems and you can easily make one within your budget with materials and tools that are most convenient for you.



If you have the space in your yard, consider a compost bin made from wood pallets, concrete blocks, wood and wire, or post and wire.

For smaller living areas or the availability of lesser amounts of compostable material, consider making a barrel or trash can composter.



Before you build....

Think about where to put your compost bin. Choose a place that

- Gets 5-8 hours of sun a day. The sun will help it heat up enough to “work” and the shade will keep it from drying out too much from overheating or too much wind.
- Has good drainage. You want the water that forms to have a place to drain so it doesn’t contribute to rot and promote undesirable microorganisms. Avoid low lying wet spots.
- Is close enough to make it easy to add plant material
- Is close enough to a water source in case rain is inadequate to keep your compost moist enough.
- Is not a solid surface like concrete or asphalt or under a tree. Solid surfaces inhibit proper drainage and tree roots can grow into the compost.

Check this link for directions on building the best compost bin for your needs:

Directions for many different kinds of composters

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/publications/diy-compost-bin-series/>

