



Composting Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why do people put a compost bin in their garden?
- 2) What items can go into a compost bin?
- 3) How does the composting process work?
- 4) How does composting benefit the environment?



Compost is great for gardens. It puts valuable nutrients back into the soil.



There's no need to buy it, compost can be made at home, right in your back yard.



You can build a frame from recycled wood on top of the soil.



Or you could buy a plastic composting bin with a lid.





dry branches, hedge clippings



shredded newspaper



dry leaves



straw

Dry, brown layers



vegetable peelings, egg shell, coffee grounds



fresh lawn clippings



water

Wet, green layers



Keep adding layers of organic material and keep moist



Turn the layers with a garden fork every 7 - 10 days.

Composting Tips:

- * Keeping your compost heap well watered and turned regularly means that your compost will be ready much sooner.
- * The material in your compost heap should be moist but not soggy.
- * Position your compost heap in a well drained position with some shade to avoid overheating.
- * Cut organic material into small pieces to speed up the decomposition process.

