

# Garbage Can Compost Bin

Don't throw out your old plastic garbage can! Reuse your old garbage can to make a cheap and easy compost bin. These bins are also very convenient for smaller yards.

## Materials

- A plastic garbage can (preferably a used can and with a tight fitting lid)
- A drill with a 1 inch drill bit (you can also use a slightly smaller or larger drill bit if needed)
- Optional: A couple concrete blocks, or other similar blocks to prop up the bin

## Building Instructions

With your drill, make holes every 8-10 inches over the entire bin including the lid and bottom.

Place your bin on soil or grass in a well drained area. You can also put it on top of concrete blocks so the bin is above the ground. You are now ready to start composting!

Start with a 6-8 inch layer of dead leaves or another brown material followed by kitchen scraps or another green material. Remember to always layer greens and browns. Turn the compost (or secure the lid and roll the bin) every 1-3 weeks in the summer. Add water as needed.

**Contact us for more information on Backyard Composting.**

## Did you know?

About 40% of residential garbage is compostable! Organic material like kitchen scraps and yard waste can be composted to make a natural fertilizer that can be used for gardens, lawns and potting mix.



## Questions?

### Call the Compost Info Line!

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