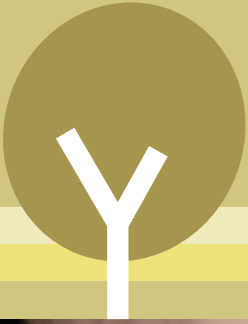


Composting Our Waste

Composting is a cheap, natural process that recycles your kitchen and garden waste into valuable food for your garden. It is a fun and easy way to reduce your waste by a third! Visit www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com to find out more.

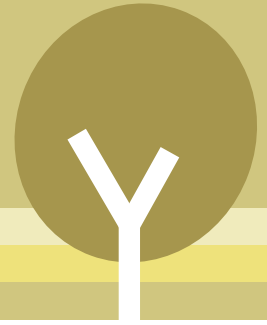


Some of the waste we throw away is organic waste, which means it rots away. This can easily be recycled at home in a compost bin.

Composting allows us to recycle our organic waste and save it from going into landfill. The compost can then be used in the garden to improve the soil and help it grow.



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Why should I compost?

Composting your garden and kitchen waste greatly reduces your environmental impact. Homemade compost is an ideal replacement for using expensive compost. Most types of compost you can buy are peat-based and peat extraction has a negative environmental impact.

Getting Started

First you need to purchase a compost bin. For information on purchasing a compost bin visit www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com or contact your local Authority. If you don't have a garden you can still compost your kitchen waste by using a wormery or bokashi bucket. This will turn your leftovers into nourishing soil conditioner for your plant pots.

Organisations you may find useful

www.recyclenow.com
or phone 0845 600 0323
www.wormcity.co.uk
www.bokashibucket.co.uk
www.naturalcollections.co.uk
www.organics-recycling.org.uk
www.debdale-eco-centre.com
or phone 0161 220 9199



GREENS

vegetable peelings
grass clippings
tea bags
old flowers
fruit scraps
nettles
coffee grounds and unbleached filter paper
spent bedding plants
comfrey leaves
rhubarb leaves
young annual weeds
pond algae and seaweed (in moderation)

BROWNS

hedge clippings
stems
tree leaves
cardboard & shredded paper
egg boxes
cereal boxes
toilet and kitchen roll tubes
straw and hay
hamster and rabbit bedding
feathers
100% natural fibre fabrics cut up into small pieces

How to compost

Almost any organic matter can be composted. For the best results, everything you compost should be chopped up or shredded as finely as possible. You can make compost using a mix of 'green' and 'brown' organic material. If your compost is too wet, add more brown material, if it's too dry add more green material.

THINGS TO AVOID

- No meat or dairy products
- No cooked food
- No non organic waste (no metal, plastic, glass, nappies etc)



For more information on how you can reduce your waste please contact :

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