

Compost



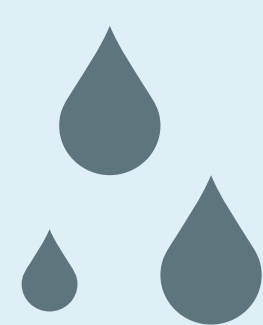
Composting makes free fertiliser for your soil! You can slowly gather organic waste materials (such as kitchen, animal and farm waste) in piles, simple structures, pits, or any old containers to produce nutrient-rich soil to fertilise your gardens and fields.



Compost adds nutrients and fertiliser to the soil.



It helps produce high crop yields and more food for the family.



It keeps water in the soil for longer, so it is available to plants and can help them survive for longer without rain.



It makes use of organic waste materials, such as crop remains, kitchen leftovers, animal dung and urine, hair, leftover ash from the fire, or water from the household.

Get started

Compost making is best started around harvest time when there are more crops residues (stalks, seed pods, leaves, etc.) available. Compost will take a minimum of 3-6 month from the build-up of materials and break down until you have usable compost.

✓ **The easiest way to make compost is by just piling up material on the ground or in a pit, but any cheap and simple structure or old container with drainage holes can be used. They all work well!**

To get started, talk to people about composting and how it can improve their soil, what type and size of compost system each person wants to use and the things to consider when deciding where to position their compost system.

⚠ **Only put natural organic materials in the compost, not plastics or metals.**

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