

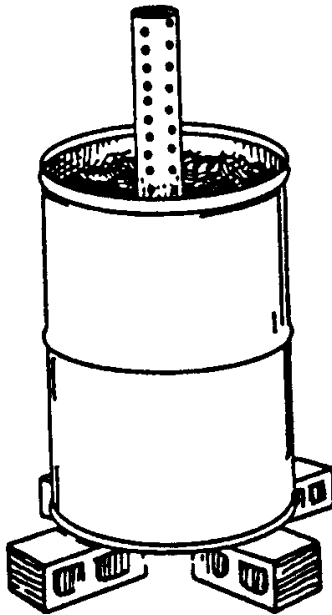


Composting 101

Compost Drums

If you are limited by space and your generation of waste is small, a composting drum may be for you. Drums can be assembled and placed in the corner of a garage or other protected area.

If you are using a steel drum, ventilate the bottom by drilling or carefully punching holes in it; then set the drum on blocks or bricks to allow air to move underneath. Layer leaves, garbage, grass, or other waste in the drum. For ventilation, insert a perforated pipe, three or four feet tall, vertically into the center of the drum. Wet the entire contents and let it work for six weeks or so before turning. Other types of drums include wooden barrels or kegs and metal or plastic trash cans. Some people remove the entire bottom of the container and set the can on a frame covered with wire or hardware cloth. If you do this, you should put about four inches of coarse dry material on the bottom to help retain the moisture.



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