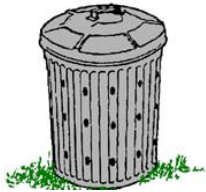


When you decide you want to compost, you need to decide on what type of system you are going to use.

The main considerations are:

- 1) Ease. The easier it is to use and get to, the more likely you *will* use it.
- 2) Cost. How much do you want to spend on it?
- 3) Appearance. Do you care what it looks like?

You can make compost with or without a bin so be creative and have fun.

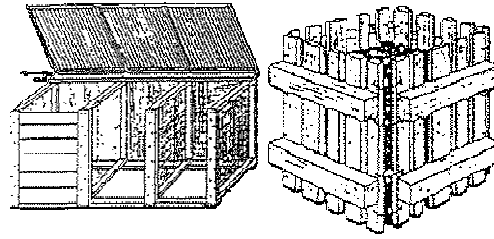


Bucket or Garbage Can

Good durability. Neat and compact. Hard to turn and mix compost

Cost:\$0-\$25

Drill holes about 4 inches apart sides of the container and a few in the bottom.



Wooden Bins

Average durability. Requires some building skill. Neat and compact.

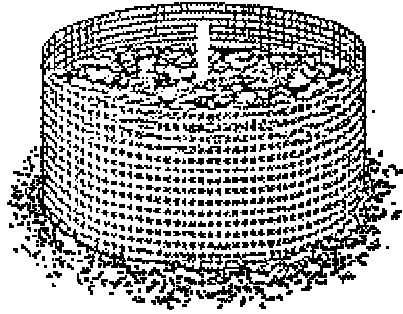
Cost: \$0-\$100

There are many designs for wooden bins. Usually made from 2x4 or even pallets. Can be a single bin or 3 bins for turning piles. Do *NOT* use treated or creosoted wood as it can leach toxins into the compost.

# COMPOST SYSTEMS:

Basic information on system types and how to build them





### Hoop or Circle Bins.

Durable system Easy to assemble, move, and is compact and neat.

Cost: \$0-\$50

These are usually made from fencing wire or hardware cloth.

Take a 12 foot length of wire fence or hardware cloth that is at least 3 feet high and loop it around, making a ring about 3 feet in diameter. Fasten ends together with wire or metal clips. Chicken wire will bulge, so reinforce with rebar or stakes.

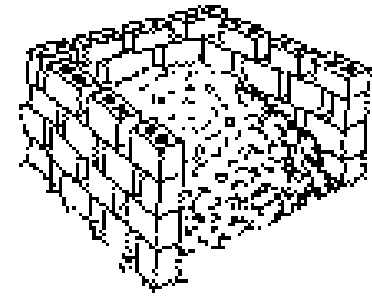


### Piles Open or Covered.

Durable since there is no or limited materials Easy to assemble and move, not always neat and compact.

Cost: \$0-\$10 (if you cover with tarp or black plastic)

Place you materials in a three-foot high and three foot wide pile. You can cover with tarp or black plastic to help contain moisture and heat.



### Cinder Block or Brick Bins

Requires time, but is fairly easy to construct. It is neat in appearance. It is a durable system, but hard to move.

Cost: \$0-\$100

Construct a three-sided enclosure that is at least 3 feet wide. Stagger the cinder blocks or bricks, leaving gaps between the blocks to aid in air circulation