

ABOUT DOMESTIC COMPOSTING



WHY COMPOST ?

To reduce the amount of waste you generate and improve the soil's fertility by producing a natural and free fertilizer for your garden

THE BASICS

In order to decompose, organic matter needs a good humidity level, oxygen, and a variety of residues. There are two types of residue you can mix together:

- Green or humid materials, rich in nitrogen
For example: fruit and vegetable leftovers, green garden residue
- Brown or dry materials, rich in carbon
For example: dry grass, coffee grounds, newspaper, dried leaves

STEPS

- 1 Place your bin in a level, well-drained, partly sunny location
- 2 Create a base layer to allow air to circulate and for proper drainage
- 3 Add green and brown materials
- 4 Mix bin contents every 1-2 weeks and regulate moisture
- 5 Use your compost!



NEED HELP ?

The Master Composters are there to help you ! You can contact them through the composting hotline at **514 428-4500** or by email at compost@beaconsfield.ca.

The City of Beaconsfield subsidizes the purchase of composters and other environmentally-friendly equipment for residents. Get a composter for only \$30 and a kitchen catcher for \$7.

Composting is easy. By respecting a few ground rules and by being organized, it just becomes natural!