



Why compost?

- Reduces landfill waste by up to 30%.
- Creates nutrient-rich soil for your plants.
- Helps the environment by lowering methane emissions.
- Saves money on fertilizers and soil conditioners.

How to Maintain an Algreen Soil Saver Compost Bin:



- Focus on proper material balancing, consistent turning, and keeping the bin clean.
- Rinse the bin with a hose after each use to remove any loose materials.
- For a deeper clean, consider using vinegar or dish soap.
- In the winter: add a layer of insulation at the top of the bin. Reduce turning frequency. Use a cover to help retain heat.



TURN WASTE INTO GOLD

Discover Garden Compost Bins



How to Use a Compost Bin:

Easy steps to start composting bins:

1. Locate bin in a reasonably sunny and accessible area. Place bin on top of bare soil.
2. Start with a layer of large brown materials like twigs or straw.
3. Add your moist or green materials (fruit scraps, veggie peels, house plants, yard waste).
4. Add your dry or brown materials (leaves, paper, shreds of cardboard, coffee grounds).
5. Keep it moist, not soggy!
6. Turn it regularly (once a week).
7. Water the pile if it becomes too dry.
8. Watch your materials decompose into rich compost!

DON'T compost:

- Meat, dairy, oily food, pet waste, diseased plants, glossy or colored paper.
- Synthetic materials (plastic, glass, etc.).



Types of Compost Bins

Stationary Bins: Great for large gardens. Low-maintenance.

Tumbling Bins: Easy to turn. Faster composting.

Worm Bins (Vermi-composting): Compact. Ideal for small spaces.

DIY Bins: Budget-friendly and customizable.

Components of High-Quality Compost:

- **Color:** Dark brown or black.
- **Texture:** Loose, crumbly, soil-like.
- **Smell:** Earthy and fresh (should not smell bad).
- **Temperature:** Should be at room temperature (if it's still hot, it's not finished).
- **pH Level:** Neutral to slightly acidic (between 6 and 8).
- **Organic Matter:** At least 50% by weight.
- **Moisture:** Should feel like a wrung-out sponge, moist but not soggy.

