



WHY USE A COMPOST BIN?

- Composting is a good way to get rid of items that would otherwise end up in the garbage.
- You are preventing food waste from ending up in landfills and lowering your carbon footprint.
- Reducing the amount of garbage you throw out, could reduce your garbage bill.
- Composted soil reduces the amount of water consumed by plants by improving water retention. Less water, less money!
- Composting enriches soil and suppresses plant diseases and pests.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

Persons with weakened immune systems should use caution when handling compost

IS YOUR COMPOST BIN STARTING TO SMELL?

Below are a couple solutions that may help.

Is the pile too wet?

Compost piles can become soggy from water or too many 'green' products. Aerate the pile by turning it, this will get as much oxygen into it as possible. Add some brown materials on top.

Too many 'greens' clumped together?

A pile of grass clippings can become anaerobic (without oxygen) and start to smell. Break up clumps. Mix it with a 'brown' material such as dry leaves or shredded newspaper.

Did you add undesirable items such as fish, meat, dairy or grease?

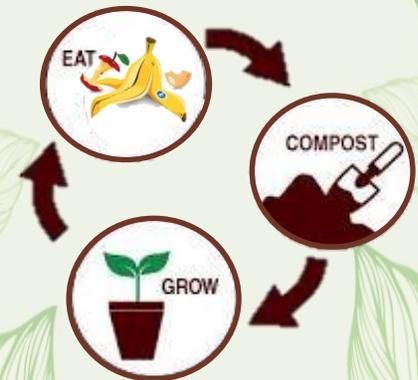
Remove these items from the pile, if possible. If it can't be removed, turn the smelly material over and cover it with some 'browns'.



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COMPOST

*From Garbage
to Garden*



WHY PURCHASE OUR COMPOST BIN?

The **City of Wetaskiwin** is working towards a more sustainable future and is selling compost bins at **cost** to City Residents.

Amazing Features Include:

- ◆ Made from 100% recycled content
- ◆ Animal & pest resistant with a locking lid
- ◆ 33" tall x 31" wide
- ◆ 12" x 16" harvest door
- ◆ 11 cubic feet/311 liters

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH COMPOST?

Mulch Do exactly as you would with any mulch - spread it around plants, trees, shrubs at 2-3 inches thick.

Soil Amendment Dig anywhere from 2-4 inches down and throw some compost in there. Your plants will thrive.

Lawn Top Dressing Sounds like something you'd put on a salad, but it's really just adding a layer of compost on top of your grass. Apply approximately 1 inch to the lawn and water it in. It will eventually settle into the soil and disappear, leaving your with healthier soil that holds water better and keeps your grass nice and green.

HOW TO COMPOST:



GREENS

Some Examples:

Eggshells. Coffee Grounds & Filter. Tea Leaves. Fruit Scraps. Vegetable Scraps. Flowers

BROWNS

Some Examples:

Dry leaves. Shredded newspaper. Shredded toilet paper rolls. Straw. Soil

DO NOT PUT THESE IN:

- Meat
- Dairy
- Bread, Pasta and Rice
- Seafood
- Bones
- Glossy/Coated Paper
- Fruit Pits
- Styrofoam
- Feces
- Cat Litter
- Weeds
- Plastic, Cans, Bottles, Glass
- Greasy Food Scraps
- Metal
- Diseased Plants
- Oil & Other Fats
- Tissues/Paper Towel/Napkins
- Sawdust/Sand