

HOME COMPOSTING

Organic materials account for almost half of the waste that ends up in unsorted municipal garbage bins in Quebec.

These materials can be reclaimed thanks to composting: they are transformed into compost, a fertilizer rich in minerals that are beneficial for the soil, your trees, your plants and your garden!

WHAT CAN BE PUT INTO A HOME COMPOSTER ?

Green Materials



- Fruit and vegetable peels
- Weeds that have not gone to seed
- Grass clippings

Brown Materials



- Dead leaves and plants
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Pasta, cereals, bread, rice
- Sawdust
- Small pieces of newsprint, tissues and paper towels

Recommendations

- Cut materials into small pieces
- For each addition of green materials, add double the amount of brown materials
- Mix your compost with each addition
- Keep your compost moist by adding water as needed

TYPES OF HOUSEHOLD COMPOSTERS

Several models are sold in hardware stores or can be built by yourself.

- Plastic exterior composter
- Wood exterior composter
- Drum Composter (exterior and interior)



Source : Recyc-Québec

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN A HOME COMPOSTER ?

- Food products of animal origin: meat, fish, bones, fish bones, seafood shells, milk and dairy products
- Sauces and fats
- Weeds that have gone to seed

- Diseased plants
- Animal droppings
- Nails, hair, fur
- Diapers



These materials decompose slowly, cause bad odours and attract many animals (raccoons, skunks, etc.).