

# ORGANIC INFORMATION



Food Scraps  
Egg Shells



Tea Bags  
Coffee Grounds



Yard Trim  
Grass Clippings  
Leaf Waste



Straw  
Sawdust  
Wood Chips



Meat Waste  
Bone Waste



Food-soiled Paper  
Pizza Boxes  
Napkins



Bagged Waste  
Plastic Bags



Lumber  
Large Wood  
Product



## COMPOSTING CONTAINERS

Although containers are not essential, they are recommended. An open pile can be unsightly and is more likely to attract pests. There are many different containers to choose from. You can buy a commercial model or build one yourself. Containers with two or more sections have some advantages. You can aerate the material by turning it from one section to another. Also, the material in a full section can finish decomposing while you add fresh materials to another section. The ideal size for a container is between 3 ft. to 5 ft. square.

## CAN YOU COMPOST IN WINTER?

Yes. Continue to add materials throughout the winter. The decomposition process will slow down, but the pile will become active again in the spring.

## WILL IT SMELL?

A compost pile that is working well should not have an unpleasant odour. If it does, it may be that the materials are too wet or compacted. Turn the pile to let it dry out, or add dry materials such as leaves.

## WHAT IS VERICOMPOSTING?

Vericomposting is a method of composting food waste using worms. It can be done indoors year-round, or outdoors in the summer and indoors in the winter. If you live in an apartment, or you're tired of making trips to the backyard in the snow, this is a method to consider.

## AVOID ATTRACTING ANIMALS AND FLIES

Use a container with a tight-fitting lid, hinged at one side and with a latch at the other. When adding food waste, either dig it into the existing compost immediately or cover it well with soil. Do Not Add meat scraps or fat. Line the sides and bottom completely with heavy-duty wire mesh.

## HOW TO HARVEST FINISHED COMPOST

Some composting bins have an access door for the removal of finished compost. If you are using a container with more than one section, you can easily remove the finished compost from the section to which you are not adding fresh materials. Otherwise, just rotate the composted material at the bottom with new material at the top.