

# Composting Tips...

Home composting is great for the environment, keeps weeds at bay, helps the ground retain water and improves plant growth. Interested in starting home composting? Here are some top tips to help you get started today.

**Tip 1 Aerate your compost heap.** Put a layer of twigs at the bottom of your compost heap to aerate the heap which helps decomposition.

**Tip 2 Speed up decomposition.** Add a bucket of ready-made compost, or even some nettles to your compost heap. They speed up decomposition and add important nutrients.

**Tip 3 Use the right mix.** Great compost needs a mix of 'greens' and 'browns'. Greens are fresh materials such as grass, plants and vegetable peelings. Browns are drier materials such as twigs, cardboard and dried leaves.

**Tip 4 Not got much space?** Try vermiculture or bokashi bins (that pickle your food waste!). Alternatively make your own small compost bin out of old pallets. Be sure to cover it over winter as the bugs that help decomposition like to be warm, dry & happy.



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