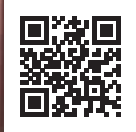


# Composting

Start composting today and let your garden reap the benefits, it's nature's way of recycling



Save energy, water and money



# Turn kitchen waste into garden food.

## Composting is easy

1. Choose a shady spot in the garden to start your compost heap or to position your compost bin. There are many types of compost bins available — some require mixing and some don't.
2. Add to your compost in layers of food scraps, garden clippings and paper.
3. Keep your compost moist, but not wet and aerate it about once a week.
4. When your compost is dark and crumbly (about four months) dig it into your garden or spread it on top as mulch.

## Suitable material for composting

- › Vegetable and fruit peelings
- › Tea bags and coffee grounds
- › Egg shells
- › Vacuum dust
- › Shredded paper and cardboard
- › Straw
- › Lawn clippings, prunings, leaves and flowers

For healthy compost avoid diseased plant material, meat scraps, bones, dairy products, bread, cake and pet droppings.

## The benefits of composting

- › Your soil structure will be improved and soil will be nutrient rich.
- › When used as mulch, compost helps to trap moisture in the soil so it saves water.
- › By composting food scraps you'll reduce the waste you send to landfill.

## Useful information

A rebate may be available from your retailer when you purchase \$100 or more of eligible water saving products, including compost bins.

## More information

Ask your retailer, your local Metropolitan or Regional Waste Management Group, phone 1300 363 744 or visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/smarterchoice](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/smarterchoice)