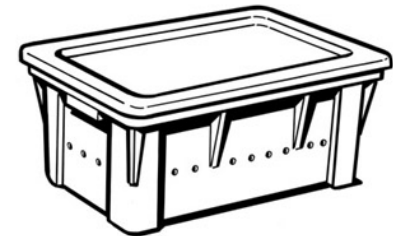
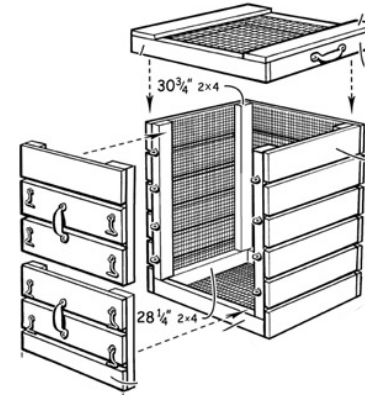


Choosing a Compost Bin

When choosing a bin, keep in mind that a compost bin doesn't make good compost all by itself. It's up to the person using the compost bin to make good compost by adding the right materials, keeping the pile moist, and turning when necessary. Learn more at: www.stopwaste.org/compost.



Plastic Compost Bin

For food and yard trimmings

A large lid makes it easier to add materials and turn the pile

Bottom doors let you harvest finished compost while the bin is still active

Rodent proof if openings are 1/4 inch or less, the lid fits tightly, and the bottom is enclosed

Yard Trimmings Bin

For yard trimmings only

NOT rodent proof!

Useful for storing yard trimmings that will eventually be mixed with food scraps in a rodent proof bin

Can be plastic or metal

Easy to make out of hardware cloth, find plans at: stopwaste.org/compost-bins

Compost Tumbler

For food and yard trimmings

Can over aerate and dry out material

Vital decomposers, such as earthworms and bugs, can't reach the material to help break it down.

More expensive than other options

Build-Your-Own

For food and yard trimmings

Made from wood and wire

Better than off-the-shelf plastic compost bins

Requires some carpentry skill and tools to make

Find plans at: stopwaste.org/compost-bins

Worm Bin

For food scraps only

Great for apartments

The best bin is easy to make out of a storage tote, learn how at: stopwaste.org/compost-bins

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