Starting Your Own Compost

Today on Gardening in a Minute: starting your own compost.

Composting is both an easy way to reduce the amount of waste you send to the curb and a cheap way to get organic matter for your garden.

You can construct a bin or buy a pre-made unit from a hardware store.

Locate your compost near a water source so you can easily keep it moist. Your site should be partly sunny, with good drainage.

The pile should be built in layers, each three to four inches deep. First lay down a “green” layer of grass clippings, and vegetable or fruit scraps. Next, add a layer of “brown” materials like leaves, twigs, or sawdust. Then add another green layer.

Moisten each layer as you build the pile, and turn your compost regularly to speed up the composting process.

The compost you produce can help you create a prosperous garden!

For more information about composting and many other gardening topics, contact your local Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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