

Yard Debris Bin Composting Solutions

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The Stink Factor

- Use a container with a lid and filter. Buy specially designed compost bins or DIY from a plastic or metal container.
- Shut the container lid when not in use.
- Empty your container into your yard debris bin frequently.
- Keep containers clean.
- After emptying the container, wash it with hot water and soap, or vinegar and baking soda.
- Drain excess container liquids down the sink.
- Freeze food scraps in a plastic bag and empty them into the yard waste bin for pickup.



Pesky Pests

- Shut the lid on yard debris bins to prevent pest and vermin access.
- Use natural pest repellents, such as cedar chips, in the yard debris bin.
- If possible, freeze food waste scraps until your bin's pick-up day.
- Clean your yard debris bin regularly. Do this in a gravel or grassy area to prevent runoff or debris from entering stormwater drains.
- Sprinkle baking soda at the bottom of your yard debris bin.
- When possible, maintain a good mix of yard debris and food scraps in your bin.
- Store bins in a shady area.
- Even if your yard debris bin isn't full, bring it to the curb every collection day.



Counter Space Limitations

- Choose a suitable location for your container (ideally not in the pantry or near food preparation areas). Under the sink is a common option.
- Utilize storage techniques for your other kitchen equipment to free up space for the compost container. Ideas include:
 - Using a small kitchen cart on wheels.
 - Finding free wall space to hang storage baskets.
 - Integrating drop-down storage trays to hold equipment.



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