

# **5 SIMPLE STEPS TO COMPOSTING**

Make your garden greener & more sustainable by composting. No matter what the size of your garden is, it will benefit from a compost bin. Plus its a great way to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill. Here are 5 simple steps to get your Compost going.

## A MIX OF GREEN & BROWN

Your compost needs a good mix of fresh green garden waste (think grass clippings, fruit & vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, etc) & some brown (fallen leaves, weeds or even straw) A good mix of this is ideal for developing the perfect compost. Create layers of green & brown in your compost.

## **EXTRA ADD INS**

Did you know that you can compost egg shells, toilet rolls, paper bags, newspaper, hair from your hairbrush, 100% cotton fibres & so much more you will find in your home. We would advise not to add any cooked meats as it can attract some unwanted rodents.



### **ADD WATER**

If you find your compost is getting to dry a little spray of water can help it decompose quicker. Don't soak it, just keep it damp.

#### **AIR AIR AIR**

The final secret to a successful compost is Air Air Air. Your compost needs to be turned regularly, (we think every couple of weeks) just with a shovel or sturdy stick. Get that air through your compost. If air does not enter your waste it can become really wet & slimy & even anaerobic. ( this means it may start to release methane gases)

## **FEED YOU PLANTS & GARDEN**

You can use your compost in various ways to feed your garden & plants. Here are a few ways to feed your plants.

- Spread it like a mulch over your garden beds, trees & shrubs. Just spread it over the area 2-3 inch layer.
- Make a compost tea- shovel a good amount of compost into a bucket for 2-3 days. With the liquid that forms over the days, use this to water your plants.
- Fertilize your lawn- Rake an even layer of approx 1-3 inch of compost over your grass area. Rake it evenly and give it a light sprinkle.

