

Compost Guidelines

Compost bays

There are 3 compost bays in the garden and they are be labelled as follows:

Chopped vegetation - all vegetation added to this bay must be chopped up before being placed in the bay. Hessian sacks are to be placed on top.

Leaves, straw and chook poo removed from the chook shed every month is to be put in this bay.

Leave to rot - this bay is labelled when full of new vegetation and is left for a few months to decompose. Hessian sacks are to be placed on top.

Compost for use - this bay is labelled when the vegetation has decomposed enough to be used in the garden beds. It may have to be sifted to get rid of sticks etc. No new vegetation is to be placed in this bay.

No food scraps (as they attract vermin), weeds or vegetation that will not break down is to be put in these compost bays.

Chook poo removed from the chook shed daily can be put in any bay.

Compost bins

There are 7 compost bins - 2 at the front entrance gate, 4 in the back left hand corner near the banana tree and one in the back right hand corner.

Green (nitrogen) and brown (carbon) items are added to the bin on a 1:1 ration.

- Green items are food scraps, chopped compostable vegetation and coffee grounds
- Brown items are coffee husks, dead leaves, shredded paper and cardboard.

Whenever adding green items cover with the same amount of brown items.

No weeds or vegetation that will not break down is to be put in these compost bins.

When the compost bins are $\frac{2}{3}$ full they are to be labelled "leave to rot"

Bins with compost ready to use will be labelled as such.

Whenever anything is added to the compost bins aerate the material by using the screw tool.

If the material looks too wet then add more brown items.

Bring in the food waste left outside the garden by the general public and place in the compost bins at the back of the garden.

Pick comfrey and yarrow and add to compost bins to aid rotting down