

Different composting structures and systems

1. 'Green compost bin' - approx £20. 220 L or 330 Litre sizes available. Put in a sunny spot, on soil. Dig it in a few inches.



2. Modular wooden square bins - £70 - £200+. Most about 600 litres. Ensure timber is from managed forests and treated with non-toxic preservative. Two bins side-by-side means you can move compost from 1 to other, to mix it. And/ or have one left to fully compost while 2nd fills.



You can build these from pallets but the wood will not last unless you treat it.

3. Hotbin composter. £200 (incl thermometer, wood chip starter) 200 litre capacity, Occupies the same space as a wheelie-bin. At up to 60°C the HOTBIN is 32 times faster than cold composting bins and works all year long. Produces compost in just 90 days. Can take cooked food waste as well as other veg.



4. Bokashi bin – from £25 or you can make your own system. You also need some activator such as active bran. Useful for smaller scale composting.



5. Wormery – from about £25 depending on model. You also need to purchase the correct type of worm. A basic worm compost bin consists of a bucket with a lid and a tap. Others have trays that are stacked and a tap in the base. Or you can make your own giant wormery from a bath and something to cover it with such as a door.



6. Ridan composter (www.ridan.co.uk) – start at £1900 depending on the size you require. Ridan composters are continuous hot composting machines for food waste. When supplied with a regular supply of food waste mixed with “brown” waste such as woodchip they produce excellent compost very quickly. They have a “composting for schools” scheme as well.

