

From the Compost Bin to the 'GÜTERSLOHER KOMPOST' Plant

Biodegradable Waste and Organic Waste - Gütersloh District

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Refuse separated into groups such as garden and kitchen waste constitute the basic raw material for high quality compost, earning the RAL certification mark as produced in the composting plant in Gütersloh. This compost serves as an ideal soil conditioner prior to planting as well as an organic fertiliser. Compostable waste must be separated from ordinary waste and deposited into the so-called 'Bio or Compost Bin'. These containers are available in green, brown or black with a coloured lid. The bio or garden waste is checked for any impure substances at the composting plant and then shredded and mixed. The controlled rotting process is guaranteed to ensure subsequent weed free growth. The decomposition process consists of an intensive rotting stage with strong heat generation followed by several weeks' post-rotting. This is how the 'GÜTERSLOH KOMPOST' is produced, and it is available either directly from the plant, from the recycling yard in Harsewinkel or from the waste disposal point Nord in Halle.

The Compost Bin - What to put in it:

Kitchen waste consists of fruit (including citrus fruit and bananas), vegetables and food leftovers, coffee-grounds and filters, egg shells and teabags, green waste from the garden such as wilted flowers, cut grass and trimmings from shrubs, bushes etc., dried leaves and weeds. Should Bio bin be full and you need to dispose of more garden waste, you may do so directly at the compost plant or the waste disposal point 'An der Dahlbreede 1a' in Halle.

The Compost Bin - What NOT to put in it:

- plastic bags, bin liners
- disposable nappies, sanitary towels
- vacuum cleaner bags
- cigarette stubs and ash
- ash from barbeques, ovens and wood fires
- non-biodegradable cat litter (see packaging)
- treated wood
- street cleaning waste
- leather, wool
- hair, feathers, bones
- flower pots, substrate for hydroponic plants





Advice for the Utilisation of the Compost Bin

Shade for the bin -

- Leave the bin in the shade. Overheating, decomposition and pungent odours will be avoided.

Clean bins / no freezing or sticking together -

- Pack biodegradable and garden waste loosely in the bin. This will ensure the bin will be emptied completely. In order to avoid damp / moist bio waste sticking or freezing to the inside of the bin, you should line your bin with dry materials such as, for example, chopped straw or thin newspaper.
- Food leftovers should be wrapped in newspaper or paper kitchen towels. This will absorb any moisture and prevent flies laying their eggs.
- Leave grass cuttings to dry first; this avoids putrefaction and saves space.

Biodegradable waste from the kitchen to the compost bin - no plastic to be deposited in the bin -

- Please do not place your waste in plastic bags nor should you buy any 'biodegradable waste bags' from the supermarkets.
- If foodstuffs are past the sale-by date, please remove the plastic packaging before you throw them away.

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