

Compost Bin Styles



Pros



Cons

Pallet Holding System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Free ✓ Diverts pallets from landfills ✓ Large capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Used pallets look unattractive ✗ Heavy and bulky to move ✗ Slower composting rate
Wire Mesh Holding System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inexpensive ✓ Easy to build ✓ Light weight ✓ Vinyl coated mesh or galvanized wire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Bin is easily crushed or bent ✗ Tendency for material to dry out ✗ Animals burrow in and make homes
Plastic Bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compact size ✓ Resistant to pests ✓ Lid sheds rain ✓ Plastic bin reduces moisture loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Some have limited holding capacity ✗ Relatively expensive ✗ Can warp in sun and break in cold ✗ Door may jam if compost compacts
2 Bin/3 Bin Turning System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High-quality compost in a less time ✓ Large volumes of yard waste ✓ Concrete blocks are long lasting ✓ 3 Bin has a place to cure compost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Wood will need replacing ✗ Block is expensive ✗ Labor intensive ✗ Requires a large amount of space
Worm Bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Composts food and paper year round ✓ High quality worm castings ✓ Scalable to match food waste volume ✓ Rapid composting rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Must avoid extreme temperatures ✗ Requires timey attention ✗ Moderately expensive to get started ✗ Worms die if too wet or overfed

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Three bin system



Wire mesh system ↓



Pallet holding system ↑



Worm bin system ↑

Barrel turning system



Plastic bin system ↑