

Which Compost Bin to Choose

Earth Machine



New Age Composter



Capacity	10 cubic feet	24 cubic feet
Audience	Great for smaller families, gardens, or yards	Great for larger families, bigger gardens, or yards with more leaves
Material	Made of recycled rigid plastic - twist lid to lock, unlock, and allow for ventilation	Made of flexible recycled plastic so the diameter can be adjusted during setup. The bin is made in New Bedford. Cone-shaped base continually aerates contents from below; turning is not necessary.
Assembly	Comes with two halves for the body, a lid, and a perforated base plate. Easy to assemble in a few steps.	Comes with the body, a base, a lid, and clips to hold it together. Easy to assemble in a few steps. Video with instructions for assembly: https://youtu.be/O8qDLLv1Hgc
Harvesting the compost	There is a sliding door at the base that allows for compost removal. Or the entire bin can be picked up to harvest the finished compost at the bottom.	Push aside fresh material on top and shovel out compost underneath. Or pick up the entire bin to access the finished compost. Using 2 or 3 bins in rotation makes harvesting compost easy from oldest bin.
Rodent prevention	Comes with a perforated base plate that helps keep rodents out.	The sides and bottom cone may be secured to the ground with stakes to keep rodents out.
Keeping the material moist	It is helpful to add water to keep the contents as damp as a wrung-out sponge (leftover cooking water can be used). Drilling holes in the lid and body are an option to allow in rainwater.	Holes in the lid allow in rainwater. During dry spells, add water to keep contents as damp as a wrung-out sponge.