

More info & answers to some of the questions asked after the composting presentation....

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Tumbler Pros:

- Compost in 14-21 days
- Impervious to foragers

Tumbler Cons:

- Very high cost (nowadays this can vary)
- Requires daily maintenance
- Can be difficult to access finished compost or to turn
- Lack of aeration vents

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Can You Add Used Potting Soil From Your Containers to Your Compost?

Old potting soil makes a great addition to your compost if you take just a few precautions. Soil that's already been used can harbor pathogens that carry plant disease and could infect next season's plants when you use the compost in your garden.

These pathogens may include viruses, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, and more. We know that introducing disease to your garden when you're trying to make it more

healthy is the last thing you want to happen, so just follow the steps below to make sure the pathogens are rendered risk-free in your compost. First things first: You should never add potting soil where a diseased plant has been growing to the compost pile in an attempt to recycle it. (The same goes for diseased plant debris, by the way.) You know the soil where a diseased plant has been housed is bound to carry disease, and we want to minimize the risk of passing that disease along in the future. Instead, discard this soil in the trash so it can't infect any of your plants.

You can, however, pasteurize your old potting soil to deactivate any pathogens.....

For more on the above, visit:

<https://www.compostguide.com/can-i-put-old-potting-soil-in-my-compost/>

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How to Compost Dryer Lint in compost piles

Set a container in your laundry room for saving the lint, such as a milk jug with the top cut off or a plastic grocery bag hung on a hook. Add the handful of lint you find every time you clean the lint trap.

Once the container is full, compost dryer lint by spreading the contents over the top of the pile, dropping handfuls evenly. Moisten the lint with a sprinkler and mix it in a bit with a rake or shovel.

Read more at Gardening Know How:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/composting/ingredients/dryer-lint-in-compost.htm>

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From the kitchen:

Pizza boxes, ripped in smaller pieces
Paper bags, either ripped up or balled up
Paper towel rolls
Pasta, leftover from cooking - with no or little sauce
Rice, other grains - with little to no sauce
Stale or moldy bread
Nut shells (except black walnut shells which can be toxic to plants)

...FOR A MORE EXTENSIVE LIST & OTHER USEFUL COMPOSTING INFO VISIT

www.soiltest.uconn.edu

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Resources from presentation:

Greg Moonie, State Coordinator, UConn Master Composter Program & a UConn Master Gardener at moonie@optonline.net. He will be happy to answer any questions about the program

- ◆ The Rodale Book of Composting, Deborah L. Martin & Grace Gershuny, Editors (Rodale Press)
- ◆ The Complete Compost Gardening Guide, Barbara Pleasant & Deborah L. Martin (Storey Publ'g)
- ◆ Let it Rot, Stu Campbell (Storey Publ'g 3d edition)

- ◆ Soil & Composting, Nancy J. Ondra (Taylor's Weekend Gardening Guides)
- ◆ <http://www.soiltest.uconn.edu/documents/compostingbasics.pdf>

- OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES:

www.gardensalive.com

www.sustainablect.org

<https://stopfoodwaste.ie/resources/composting>

For the C:N ratio calculator:

<https://www.klickitatcounty.org/1030/Compost-Mix-Calculator>

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance

<https://ilsr.org>

Cornell Waste Mgmt Inst (excellent resource)

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu>

COMPOSTING MADE EASY.

<https://compostnow.org>

