



# Home Composting Guide

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# Why Compost...

- ▶ Delivers the best quality soil add-on for your garden, potted plants
- ▶ Waste-to-Life **reuse** of organic waste
- ▶ **Reduces** waste load on your community garbage services
- ▶ Improves **recyclability** of your house-hold waste
- ▶ Effortless
- ▶ Gardener's need/ Sustainability activist's delight
  
- ▶ ... it just requires a commitment!

You start by segregating organic waste at point of generation from the organic waste...



# Take a 3 pot Composting Pillar ( called Khamba or pillar-of-life!)



Order from [DailyDump.com](http://DailyDump.com)...and their franchise offices or from Amazon



You add the wet organic waste to the top pot in the Khambha ...

# ..And then you add the following: Item 1 of 4 ( Cocopeat briquette)

Additive for Composting	What it does	Where to get it from	What it will cost
<p>Coconut Coir briquette (cocopeat brick) or saw dust powder or dried leaves (yellow waste)</p> <p>Cocopeat is best and a 5 kg cocopeat brick expands with water - so I break a small handful and can use it over a year.</p>	<p>Is the basic composting mix. Yellow adds the requisite carbon to the mix!</p>	<p>I get coconut coir briquette from the local nursery. Also can be ordered from Amazon.</p>	<p>Mix wet waste and yellow waste in equal quantity</p> <p>Got the sawdust from free from a local carpenter shop.</p> <p>Cost of 5kg brick is Rs.339 and can last for 1- 1.5 years comfortably</p>



# ..And then you add the following: Item 2 of 4 ( Compost Accelerator)

Additive for Composting	What it does	Where to get it from	What it will cost
Compost Accelerator Mixutre  I have used Soil-mate or Daily Dump Compost speedup with Microbes	Speeds the composting	Order from Amazon  Or  Order from DailyDump.com	Rs.300 for a kg And You use 1-2 spoons per use so again this will last you for a few quarters



# ..And then you add the following: Item 3 of 4 ( Liquid Activator)

Additive for Composting	What it does	Where to get it from	What it will cost
Liquid Accelerator	Speeds composting  Beer-gives yeast  Urine/ammonia - gives nitrogen to the compost pile  Baking soda- gives sugar for yeast  Warm water incubates the mix	Mix of water, beer, urine in ratio: 180 ml beer + 30 ml urine + 7.5 litre of warm water ( 1 bucket is 12-15 litre) + 350 grams of baking soda	Cost of beer ( take a 50 ml in a litre bottle ) - drink the rest!  Or order from Amazon at Rs.300/- per litre bottle!

My home made compost liquid accelerator ->





# ..And then you add the following: Item 4 of 4 ( Pest control)

Additive for Composting	What it does	Where to get it from	What it will cost
Neem Powder Or Neem Pellets from a Neem tree Or Lemongrass oil spray	Prevents pests, odour	Available from Daily dump	252/- for 2kg from Amazon - I have used the neem pellets from our neem tree!



...and follow  
this process...

- ▶ Stir the mix with a khurpi each time you add to the pot in the Khamba
- ▶ When top pot is full, replace it with the mid level pot...
- ▶ When the mid level pot gets full - add it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level while shifting the 1<sup>st</sup> pot content to the lowest level ( you will find that it is getting compacted to a fraction of its original volume size)...
- ▶ During rains - it is advisable to wrap the khamba with a plastic sheet as a raincoat ( so that the microbes in the pot are enjoying their natural warmth as they compost)
- ▶ Increase neem and lemongrass if you sense an odor or pest issue...but normally you will quickly sense the right balance.....and then one day...

...till a few weeks down the line your bottom pot in khambha is full and ready with rich compost...



Sift, air and mix with soil and use in potted plants, garden soil and see your greens grow with life!



