

## Compost Tumblers

Compost tumblers consist of a rotating drum that you spin by cranking a handle or the unit itself. They contain one or more compartments that you fill and then close off, waiting for the batch to mature before emptying it for use in your yard or garden.

The best compost tumblers are spacious, easy to turn, and have dual chambers. Having two chambers in your compost tumbler allows you to process one batch while having a second chamber to continue composting.

### What to Feed Your Compost Tumbler:

**Ratio:** Use roughly 1 part green to 3 parts brown for the best results.

#### Greens (Nitrogen - Provides Moisture & Nutrients):

- Fruit and vegetable scraps/peels - chop into small pieces and remove labels for best results
- Coffee grounds and paper filters
- Fresh grass clippings and green garden waste
- Tea bags (ensure they are paper/plastic-free)
- Herbivore manure (rabbit, guinea pig, chicken)
- Eggs shells

#### Browns (Carbon - Provides Air & Structure):

- Dry leaves
- Shredded cardboard and paper (no wax/gloss)
- Dry grass clippings and hay/straw
- Shredded newspaper (non-glossy)

### What NOT to Compost

- Meat, fish, poultry, and bones (attracts pests)
- Dairy products, oils, and grease
- Pet waste (dog/cat feces)
- Diseased plants or weeds with mature seeds
- Glossy or coated paper/magazines
- Labels, stickers, twist ties, staples

### Best Practices

- **Moisture:** Maintain a moisture level similar to a damp sponge.
- **Tumble regularly:** Spin your tumbler every few days to mix and aerate.