

HOMEBASE

Did you know that tidying up your garden and outdoor space is good for the environment and can give biodiversity a much needed boost? That's why we're encouraging the nation to make the most of their garden waste and help wildlife hibernate safely this winter.



of the population understand the importance of getting gardens winter ready



say they don't feel confident when it comes to gardening



of the population understand the importance of composting garden waste for the environment



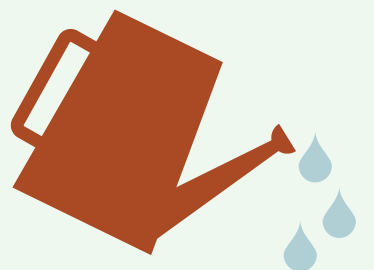
said they were more likely to use store-bought compost that make their own



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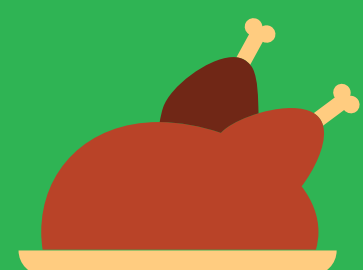
of the population want to broaden their knowledge and do more

Our top tips for making your own compost



Getting great quality compost is about having the right balance of moisture. If your pile is looking a bit dry, give it a light watering. If it looks a bit too slushy and wet, try adding some more brown waste.

Avoid putting any cooked food, meat or animal waste in your compost bin.



Don't add glossy magazine paper as this won't break down in the composting process.

You'll know the compost is ready to use when it turns dark brown, is crumbly to touch and smells earthy.



Remember that compost can be used across flower and vegetable beds, sprinkled across grass, and even blended with potting soil to give indoor plants more life.

If you need a helping hand, we sell peat free compost that has all of the benefits of the home-made variety.



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