

## Tumbling Composter

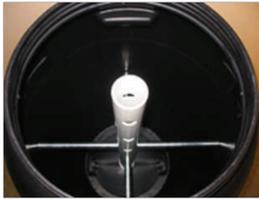


Eliminate back strain with this hip level composter. If you prefer to work at waist level, this elevated compost maker is perfect. It is made with recycled components; including a pre-used 55 gallon black barrel and 100% recycled lumber painted with water based exterior latex paint. The Composter is an recycled food grade barrel. It is about 4 foot tall and only requires a 3 foot by 4 foot area. You

can put it in a smaller area for storage, but you'll need that much space free from obstacles to spin the barrel and properly aerate the compost. Using a rocking motion to build momentum, a compost tumbler is relatively easy to turn. The composting action will rapidly reduce the content of the barrel to less than half its starting volume.

## Tumbling Composter Features & Benefits

- Holds 7.3 cubic feet of material, approximately 55 gallons.
- Low maintenance, nothing to clog up.
- Pest proof, fully enclosed, off-the-ground compost bin.
- Avoids odor problems by controlling moisture and aeration in excessively dry or rainy areas.
- Tumbling composter can be moved around the yard.
- Assembled dimensions: 36" wide by 36" deep by 46" tall.
- Easy mixing & turning of the compost materials.
- You can completely compost the product in the barrel in about 4 weeks.



## Additional Composting Information

The three main ingredients that a composter needs is heat, oxygen, and moisture. The best position to place your composter is in full sun or at a minimum partial sun. The barrel holds the heat in all night and does not allow it to cool down like an open bin or stacking bin. The black barrel will absorb heat all day. The center tube aerates the compost pile and allows excess moisture to drain out. The steel bars inside break up the compost and fluff it up for better aeration. The most efficient bacteria, called "aerobes", need oxygen to do their work.



## Recycling Facts

All of the plastic barrels were once food grade barrels and have now been re-cycled to assist rather than hinder the environment. All wooded parts are made from 100% recycled lumber. We are working with you to make a positive impact on our environment.

## Worm Compost Bin

Reduce landfill by starting a low cost and low maintenance worm compost bin! Worm composting is a self contained system that can easily fit under your sink for easy composting. Composting with worms is an excellent technique for recycling food waste. Worm bins located near a hot water heater in the garage during the winter will save many a trip through the snow to the backyard compost bin. Worm bins are perfect for the whole family, youth groups, classrooms, clubs, and schools.



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# Rain Barrel, Tumbling Composter & Worm Compost Bin Program



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## Why Harvest Rainwater with Rain Barrels?

### **Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution**

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and White River.

### **Conserves Water Supply Resources**

Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

### **Better for Plants and Gardens**

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

### **Helps Inform Your Neighbors**

One of the best reasons to start harvesting rainwater with rain barrels is to teach and encourage others to do the same. You will help to spread the culture of rainwater collection and in turn, help your community and the environment. It is always important to remember that every living thing on the planet needs water to survive. We as humans must expand our idea of community to the plants and animals that surround us.

## Using Rain Barrel Water



- ◆ Water your flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawn
- ◆ Wash your car; rinse tools or muddy boots.
- ◆ DO NOT DRINK water from your rain barrel.
- ◆ DO NOT COOK or bathe with water from your rain barrel.

## Rain Barrel Instructions

- ◆ It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.
- ◆ Provide overflow hoses or pipes to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall.
- ◆ Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.
- ◆ Measure and cut the downspout. (Keep the cut off for reattachment in the winter). Use two elbows or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 2-3 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.
- ◆ In the Fall, you will want to empty your rain barrel and store it or flip it over. Replace the downspout you saved for the Winter.
- ◆ Diverters are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.

## Preventing Mosquitoes

Your rain barrel will be equipped with a mosquito screen under the lid to keep mosquitoes and other insects out.

- ◆ Prevent pooling on paved surfaces.
- ◆ Keep your rain barrel lid sealed.
- ◆ Keep your barrel free of organic material.
- ◆ During the rainy season, splash off any water that may collect on top of the barrel. Mosquitoes need at least 4 days of standing water to develop as larva.
- ◆ If you believe mosquitoes are breeding in your rain barrel, empty your barrel completely. If your mosquito netting is intact and there are no leaks where mosquitoes can enter the barrel, your rain barrel should be mosquito-free.

## To Purchase:

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b> <i>Includes Tax</i>
<b>Rain Barrel</b> <i>55 Gallon barrel, available in black, gray, terra-cotta, and blue.</i>	\$75.00 each
<b>Tumbling Composter</b> <i>55 Gallon black barrel with stand, comes preassembled.</i>	\$125.00 each
<b>Worm Compost Bin</b> <i>(currently in stock)</i> <i>Includes worms!</i>	\$30.00 each



All barrels were once food grade barrels that have been cleaned and are ready for reuse. Color, size & shape vary.



**Order today, don't delay!**

**Makes great gifts for your  
gardening friends!**

### Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel.