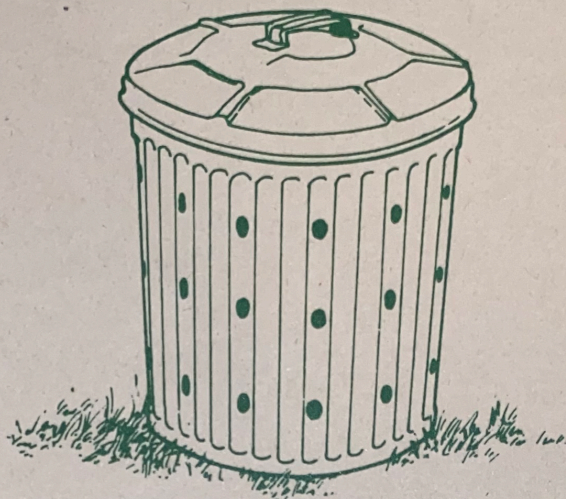


## GARBAGE-CAN COMPOSTER

A garbage-can composter is inexpensive and easy to build. It can be used for food or garden wastes. The wastes do, however, need to be turned.



### Materials

- garbage can with cover
- coarse sawdust, straw, or wood chips

### Tools

- drill
- pitch fork, shovel, or compost turner
- work gloves

### Building a Garbage-Can Composter

1. Drill three rows of holes 4 to 6 inches apart all around the sides of the garbage can. Then drill several holes in the base of the garbage can. The holes allow air movement and the drainage of excess moisture.
2. Place 2 to 3 inches of dry sawdust, straw, or wood chips in the bottom of the can to absorb excess moisture and let the compost drain.