

Why Not Start Compost Pit For Fertilizer?

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With supplies of commercial fertilizers definitely limited, it behooves every gardener to economize as much as possible in his own garden as possible. One of the best ways to do this is to build a compost pit in which all of the grass clippings, leaves and old plants can be saved. When well rotted these materials from the plants originally took from the soil and, in addition, will add valuable humus to the garden.

Since most city gardeners do not have much room in which to build an upright compost pile on top of the ground, we suggest digging a pit about four feet wide, six feet long and two feet deep in some hidden corner of the lot, preferably in the shade where the composted material can be kept moist. It may be necessary to board up the sides to keep the soil from eroding in if it is in a sandy location.

All grass clippings, leaves, weeds and other discarded plant materials, vegetable tops, pea hulls, cabbage leaves, or other refuse should be accumulated in the pit. Do not add any diseased plants which might recontaminate the soil or other plants.

As the material is accumulated in the pit a layer of soil, perhaps one inch thick, should be spread over the compost material. The proper proportion is about one inch of soil to four inches of six inches of leaves and other material. If a little manure is available it should also be added, as the bacteria it contains will hasten the decomposition.

It is well to fork the compost over frequently during the summer

to aid rotting and to secure a uniform texture. Sprinkle it with water occasionally in dry weather, since it will decay more rapidly if moist.

May Add Fertilizer

To fortify the composted material it is well to add to it some commercial fertilizer, such as the special Victory Garden Fertilizer. It should be applied at the rate of one pound for each bushel of compost and should be added as the pile is being accumulated. It might be desirable also to add about half a pound of lime to each bushel, unless the soil in your garden is known to be alkaline. The lime and fertilizer also will hasten decomposition.

The compost should not be used until it is quite well decayed. At that time it can be used as top dressing, or it can be worked in when spading.

Leaves and other materials will not decay in such a pit during the winter months, since the decomposition is dependent upon bacteria. Don't neglect all of your garden at once unless you have planned so carefully that you know the early crops will mature in time to plant the later storage crops in their place. Otherwise you may have no room for your late planting for storage. The number of days from planting to maturity for various crops is fairly uniform year after year and this information is usually printed on the seed packet so that you may know at the time you plant just when the crop will be ready to harvest. This information is very important, since the time between the planting and the harvest, and particularly if you are planning a succession crop.

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Even with the late start that most gardeners are getting it is still possible to do some succession cropping in order to increase the quantities of vegetables grown this year. By succession planting we mean planting a second crop in the same place after the first crop has been harvested, or perhaps inter-planting or planting between the rows when the first crop is nearly mature.

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