

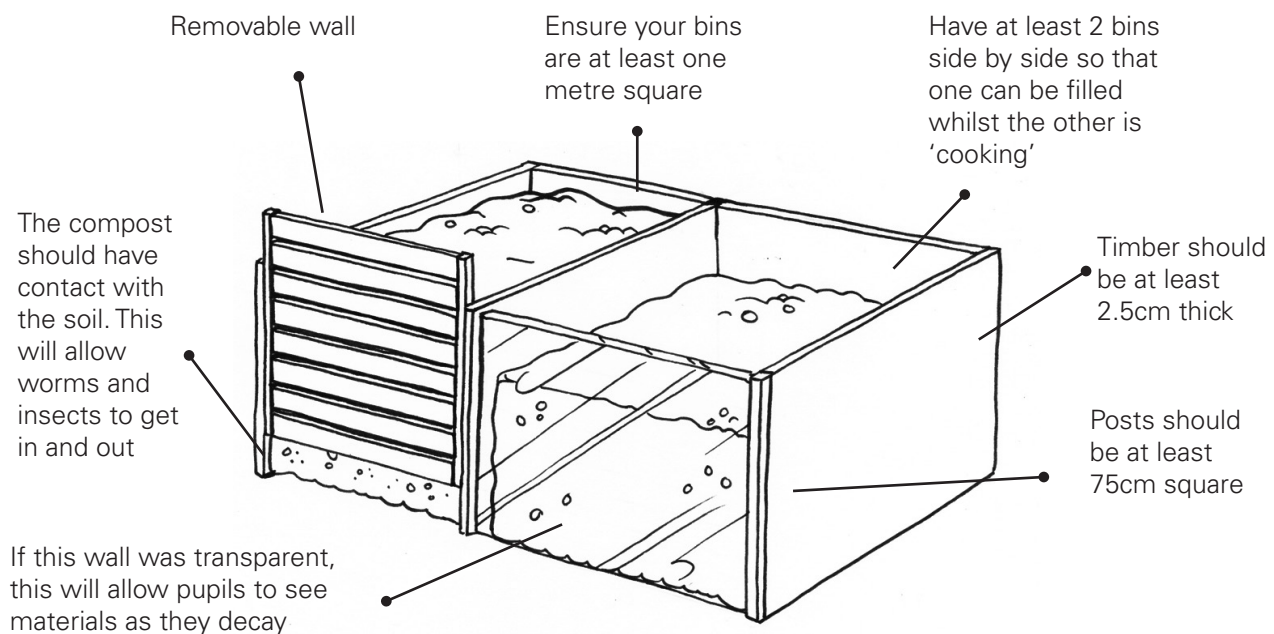
Composting



A compost heap is a fantastic addition to any school grounds. Not only can you recycle most of your food waste (but not cooked food or meat) into rich organic fertiliser, but it can also be used as an important learning resource to demonstrate the processes of cycling and decay.

Compost can be used in school grounds to improve soil structure and drainage, as a mulch to cut down on water loss and as a fertiliser. Making compost is cheap and easy; you can build your own container or buy wooden or plastic containers.

An 'E' Shaped Composter



Making Good Compost

- Include any uncooked vegetable waste.
- Include garden waste. Any large or woody materials should be shredded or chopped up.
- Try not to add large amounts of any one item at once.
- Provide a supply of oxygen by having an air channel at the base. Putting in a mix of coarse and fine materials will also help air to circulate.
- Keep the heap moist and warm by sealing the top with a layer of soil or old carpet.
- Encourage micro-organisms by adding soil or part-rotted compost to the top of a freshly made heap.

Fact

- Up to 60% of household waste is organic and can be recycled. Composting is good for wildlife and reduces the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill!



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