

# KEYS COMPOSTER

# HOW TO COMPOST

1. Take a metal or plastic trash can. Remove lid and turn can upside down. (see Figure 1)
2. Cut out the bottom of the can. Place inverted can in yard where there is no standing water after it rains—you may place it on pavers if you choose. (see Figure 2)
3. Take a piece of 1/2" rebar 4' long (the bars used in concrete reinforcement) and hammer into the ground through the center of the bottom that has been removed. (see Figure 3)
4. Cut a hole in the lid of the trash can a little larger than the diameter of the rebar. (see Figure 4)
5. Congratulations, you have successfully built a "Keys Composter". (see Figure 5)

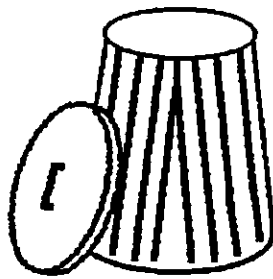


Figure 1

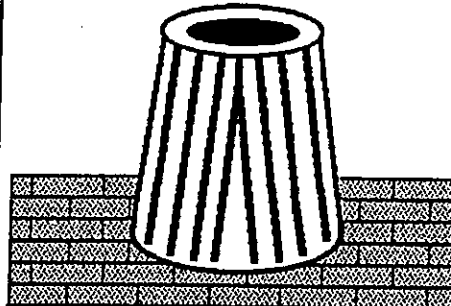


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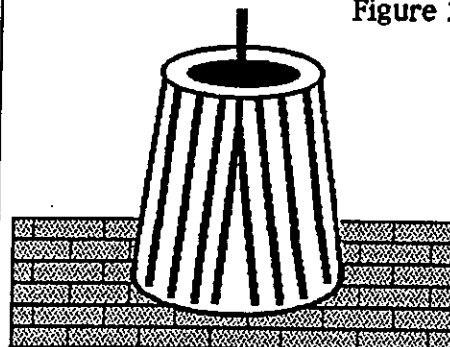


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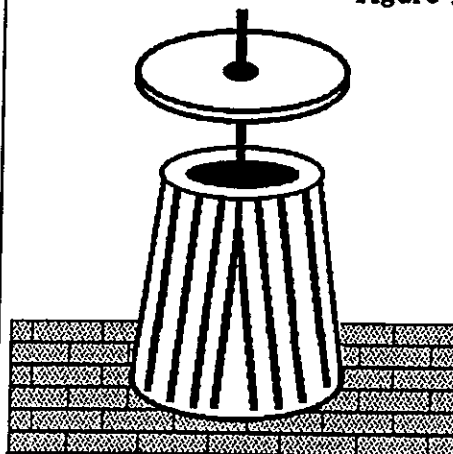


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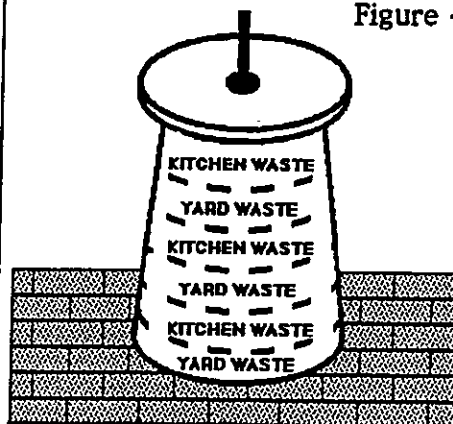


Figure 5

1. Start with a 3" layer of yard waste (small clippings and leaves) or mulch.
2. Add a 3" layer of kitchen waste (i.e. vegetable scraps, fruit leftovers, etc.) and cover with another layer of yard waste or mulch.
3. Repeat above process until "Keys Composter" is filled.
4. No need to add water, fertilizer, or lime to the mixture.
5. Wait approximately one month after container is filled and then check to see if materials have composted.
6. If all layers have composted, remove container and use compost as fertilizer or soil amendment.