

## Winter Composting

It's cold outside and the compost pile is frozen. Do you really feel like hauling kitchen scraps out into the winter wasteland only to have them picked through by scavengers? There is an alternative. Keep your kitchen scraps cooking this winter producing buckets of black gold for the garden next spring while you stay warm and cozy. Try the three-bucket system in your basement or heated garage. No odor, no pests, very easy!

Try these easy steps for our 3-bucket composting system in your basement or heated garage. Five-gallon painter buckets with lids work great or plastic trash cans with lids and wheels make the job a cinch!

1. Fill bucket #1 with sawdust or peat moss mixed with equal parts dry soil. Add a little limestone and cover with lid.
2. On the bottom of bucket #2, place about one inch of dry straw, leaves, or shredded newspaper. Dump your kitchen scraps on top as they become

excess water, let them drain well before adding them to the bucket.

3. When bucket #2 is full start filling bucket #3. By the time bucket #3 is full, the contents of bucket #2 should be well on the way to becoming compost.

4. Use and enjoy in the spring!