

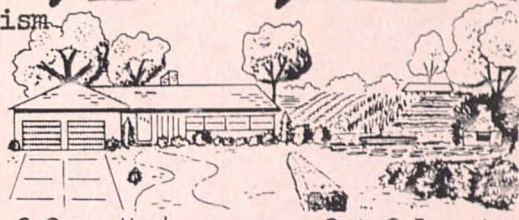
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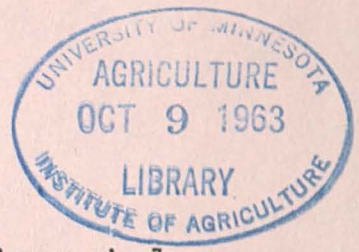


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COMPOSTING

Compost is a valuable product which gardeners are using increasingly for soil improvement, weed control and conservation of moisture. You can start making good quality compost this fall by collecting the autumn leaves and other garden refuse.

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If you don't have space enough to build a compost pile above ground, dig a hole in the annual flower or vegetable garden and make it there. Cover it with soil and plant over the pile next season. A year from this spring the compost will be ready to use.

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If you're constructing a compost pile above ground, make it 5 feed square. Start with a 6-inch layer of leaves and other refuse. Sprinkle this layer freely with a fertile garden soil to introduce bacteria for rotting the organic matter. Use a pound of a complete fertilizer for each 6-inch layer of compost.

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The surface of the compost pile should be cupped to collect moisture. During a dry period, provide additional moisture. The compost can be used the following season.

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