

## **Compost**

Composting, nature's own way of recycling, is the controlled decomposition of organic material, such as leaves, twigs, grass clippings, and vegetable food waste. Compost is a soil amendment or mulch product that results from proper composting techniques.

Compost can be rich in nutrients. It is used in gardens, landscaping, horticulture, and agriculture. The compost itself is beneficial for the land in many ways, including as a soil conditioner, a fertilizer, addition of vital humus, and as a natural pesticide for soil. In ecosystems, compost is useful for erosion control, land and stream reclamation, wetland construction, and as landfill cover.