



Wormery or Compost bin?

Wormeries

If you have a very small garden and/or only want to recycle food waste from your kitchen, a wormery could be ideal. It will break down all your green waste giving you smaller amounts of peat-free compost, as well as the liquid which can be easily drained from the wormery and used as a liquid plant food. The worms will turn your green waste into peat-free compost quicker than a conventional compost bin or heap.



Compost bins

If you have an average to large garden, perhaps with lawn clippings which can be composted and/or a family generating more vegetable kitchen waste, a compost bin might be a better option. It can deal with larger amounts of decomposable waste (making more peat-free compost for your garden!). Compost bins will take longer than wormeries to make peat-free compost and will need more space, but are generally cheaper than wormeries.



Green Cone

What about green cones?

Green cones are another way to recycle your kitchen waste, but will not give you compost at the end of the process, though the soil around your green cone will become very fertile! Green cones are partially sunk into the ground. The buried section has holes in it which allow worms and other decomposer beasts to move in and out from the surrounding soil. They will turn the stuff you put in the cone back into soil. Though the green cones will not give you compost as the wormery or compost bin will, you can put a bigger variety of decomposable stuff into a green cone, notably cooked food including animal based food waste, which shouldn't go in a compost bin or wormery. Green cones need re-siting every few years but apart from that don't need emptying or their contents turning as the other options do.

