



# QUICKCROP

## Joraform Composter Instructions

Composting with Joraform is a straightforward process which will produce rich crumbly garden compost in 6-8 weeks.

The Joraform is intended for household and garden organic waste but will not handle large quantities of grass cuttings which can overwhelm the composting process.

Organic waste is added to one of the chambers on a daily basis, using a variety of materials as they become available.

The correct balance of green and brown waste materials needs to be maintained in order to support the bacteria and micro-organisms needed to break down the waste material. It may be helpful to sort your organic waste before loading the Joraform.

**Green Waste:** Fruit and vegetables, kitchen scraps and peelings, grass clippings and soft, leafy plants.

**Brown Waste:** Leaves, prunings and shredded hedge trimmings, woodchip, bark and shavings, shredded paper, straw and plant stems.

Load the composter with a ratio of 2:1 brown to green. Add wood pellets if not enough brown waste is readily available.

Rotate the composter daily to mix and aerate the waste, 2-3 turns is usually enough.

Stop filling when the chamber reaches the half way point. Close the chamber and allow the waste to compost for about 6-8 weeks.

In the meantime start and continue loading the second chamber in the same way. When this reaches the halfway point close the chamber and allow to compost. Continue to rotate the composter daily.

Ensure the compost has an adequate airflow by varying the composition and texture of the waste content. Useful air pockets can be created by using twigs and crumpled card. Check that the side vents are clear, inside and out.

Keep the mixture moist but not too wet, again by varying the mixture. Add wood pellets if the compost is becoming wet and slimy.

During the filling process it may be useful to add a small quantity of completed compost to the mix to boost the bacterial content.

If it appears that the composting process is stopped or slowing down this is generally caused by too much carbon content, remedy the balance by adding nitrogen based waste.

If the mixture has developed into a stinky, slimy mess this may be caused by excessive nitrogen. Add carbon based waste to achieve the correct balance.

The Joraform is suitable for cooked food, including meat, fish and light bones. Since the chambers are sealed there is no threat from rodents and other wildlife.