



# Preconceived ideas about composting

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## NO COMPOST WITHOUT A GARDEN (FAKE)

A balcony or a kitchen can accommodate a vermicomposter (request to be made to the town hall). This bin divided into several trays contains earthworms that will feed on organic waste. It is even possible to deposit its biowaste on the markets since September 2020.

## WASTE DECREASES (TRUE)

Composting your biowaste allows you to recycle kitchen and garden waste while producing fertilizer for your plants. This also reduces waste by up to 80 kg per year. Namely a ton of organic waste can be transformed into 120 to 250 kilos of compost.

## COMPOST SMELLS BAD (FAKE)

Well maintained, it does not generate olfactory nuisance or insects. The rare bad odors signal a lack of aeration or an excess of nitrogenous matter. If the compost smells like a rotten egg, it should be brazed and possibly eggshells or baking soda added. If the smell comes close to ammonia or sulfur, there is too much green waste. If the smell comes close to ammonia or sulfur, there is too much green waste. The dry matter (dead leaves, coffee grounds) will balance the mixture.

## HARVESTED HUMUS IS AN EXCELLENT FERTILIZER (TRUE)

The Composting reproduces, in an accelerated way, the natural process of making humus from our forests. Thanks to the work of microorganisms (bacteria, fungus, etc.) and small invertebrates (worms, springtails, woodlice, etc.), biodegradable materials are transformed into compost in contact with air and moisture.

## STORTING IS COMPLICATED (FAKE)

With a little goodwill, we quickly become unbeatable on the waste to compost or not! All peelings, food scraps (without a pacifier), crushed eggshells, tea and coffee grounds can go to compost. Same direction for faded flowers, fallen leaves and houseplants. Avoid bread and dairy products. Animal proteins will attract rodents and generate bad odors. Citrus fruits, garlic and onions will not mix well with vermicomposters either. In Paris, individual vermicomposters are available to Parisians who wish to compost.

## SOME EXAMPLES OF VERMICOMPOSTER

