

Compost Bin Source List

Commercial backyard compost bins can be purchased locally, through catalogs or over the Internet. Many communities also have special “backyard compost bin sales” organized by city or county recycling programs or UW Extension offices. These are usually spring events but can be on-going. Local home and garden centers, nurseries, hardware stores and home maintenance stores (such as Home Depot or Menards) often sell pre-manufactured compost bins as well.

In case a local search fails, or if the bin designs available don’t meet interests or needs, a partial listing of commercially available compost bins is included below. These primarily include mail-order sources by phone or internet. Prices are current as of June 2004, and are subject to change (they don’t include shipping unless otherwise noted). Inclusion on this list is not intended to imply endorsement by UW Extension, nor is exclusion intentional.

<i>Bin Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Source</i>
Backyard Composter	\$76.95 11 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Burpee Gardens, Warminster, PA; 300-888-1447; www.burpee.com (type “backyard composter” in search box)
Bioactivator Stacking System	\$85, 5 frames & lid 36 “ x 36” per frame 12 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com, Laguna Beach, DA; 877-204-7336 www.composter.com go to “green culture links” box , then to “composters”
BioOrb Composter	\$99.50 for 36” diameter 13.5 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com, Laguna Beach, DA; 877-204-7336; www.composters.com
Biostack Composter®	\$89; 28” sq. x 34”H 13 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Smith & Hawken, Mill Valley, CA; 800-940-1170; www.smithandhawken.com (go to “shop”, then “tools”, then “composting & cleanup”) Sold by Composters.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)
Brave New™ Composter	\$65; 32”H 24 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see BioOrb listing)
Compost Digester	\$99.95; includes compost activator; 31”H x 28”W 12 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Gardens Alive!, Lawrenceburg, IN; 513-354-1482; www.gardens-alive.com (click on “composting”) Sold by Gurney’s Seed & Nursery, Greendale, IN; 513-354-1491; www.gurneys.com (type “compost” in search box)
ComposTumbler	\$299; 11.8 cu. ft. capacity \$389; 22.3 cu. ft. capacity	Manufactured by Compost Tumbler Co., Lititz, PA; 800-880-2345 www.composttumbler.com

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Earth Machine	\$69.50; 33"H x 33"W x 34"H 10 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)
Enviro-Cycle	\$149.95 (free shipping) – Mellinger's \$125 – Smith & Hawken \$116.50 – Composters.com 31.5"H x 20.5"W x 26"L 7 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Mellinger's Inc., North Lima, OH; 800-321-7444; www.mellingers.com (enter on-line catalog, type "composters" in keyword search box) Sold by Smith & Hawken (see Biostack listing) Sold by Composters.com (see BioOrb listing)
Garden Gourmet™	\$59.50; 23"W x 23"D x 40"H 11 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see BioOrb listing)
Home Composter	\$69.75; 30" diameter x 32"H 13 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)
Mantis Compos Twin Dual Tumbler	\$349, 66" H, 24.9 cu ft capacity	Sold by Composters.com www.compost-twin.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)
OverEasy Composter	\$75; 36"D x 36"H recycled plastic 22 cu. ft. capacity clips also available for homemade wire cage units	Sold by compostbasics, Madison, WI; 608-255-1922 www.compostbasics.com
Presto Compost Bin	\$17.50, 29" H 13 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see BioOrb listing)
Pyramid Composter	\$89.95; 28" x 28" x 34"H 12 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Gardeners Supply Co., Burlington, VA; 888-833-1412; www.gardeners.com
Soilmaker®	\$76.50; 28"W x 28"D x 32"H 11.4 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Composters.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)
Tumbleweed Tumbler™	\$199 (free shipping) – Mellinger's \$168.50 – Composters.com 26"W x 34" x 46"H 8 cu. ft. capacity	Sold by Mellinger's (see Enviro-Cycle above) Sold by Composters.com (see Bioactivator Stacking listing)

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