

CREATE LEAF MOULD

Nature's Black Gold for Your Garden

Leaf mould is decomposed leaves. It's a free, easy, all-natural compost and fertilizer that improves soil structure, feeds beneficial microbes, and helps your plants thrive!

HOW TO MAKE LEAF MOULD

1 COLLECT THE LEAVES



- Use fallen leaves from trees in your yard.
- Best leaves: maple, oak, beech, birch, elm, fruit tree leaves.
- Avoid leaves from black walnut (contains natural chemicals that can inhibit plants).

2 SHRED THE LEAVES



- Shred leaves by mowing over them.
- Smaller pieces break down faster.
- You can also tear large leaves by hand.

3 CHOOSE YOUR CONTAINER



- Use a wire bin, plastic bin with holes, wooden crate, or even a heavy-duty leaf bag.
- Good air circulation is key.

4 FILL IT UP



- Loosely fill the bin with shredded leaves.
- Do not pack down.
- Keep the pile moist, but not soggy. Water if needed.

5 LET NATURE DO THE WORK



- Leaves break down slowly over several months.
- Turn the pile occasionally to add air (optional).
- Keep moist.
- Ready in 6–12 months. The longer, the better!

6 CHECK FOR READINESS



- Leaf mould is dark brown, crumbly, and has an earthy smell.
- You should no longer be able to recognize the original leaves.

7 STORE YOUR LEAF MOULD



- Store in a bin or bucket with a lid.
- Keep it in a shady, cool place.
- It will continue to improve over time.

8 USE IT IN YOUR GARDEN



- Mix into garden soil.
- Use as a mulch around plants.
- Add to potting mixes (up to 1/3 of the mix).
- Great for compost tea!

BENEFITS OF LEAF MOULD

- ✓ Improves soil structure and aeration
- ✓ Increases moisture retention
- ✓ Feeds beneficial soil microbes
- ✓ Suppresses some plant diseases
- ✓ 100% natural and free!



TIPS

- ✓ Most tree leaves work well. Oak leaves may take longer to break down but make excellent leaf mould.
- ✓ Keep the pile moist like a wrung-out sponge.
- ✓ Be patient—good leaf mould takes time, but it's worth it!



TURN FALL LEAVES INTO GARDEN GOLD!

Easy, natural, and better for your soil.

