



Assembly **LEAF MOULD COMPOSTER**

Contents:

3m Strong Netting, Zip Ties, 6 Canes

Open the mesh and form into a circle allowing about 4 mesh holes to overlap. Fix together by applying the zip ties at the top and bottom of the overlap and at intervals down the cut edges of the mesh. Secure with pea sticks woven into the mesh and driven into the ground.

Place in the chosen area preferably away from drying winds. To access mature leaf mould lift off the mesh and reuse. This product is made from very strong mesh and should last for about ten years without needing to be replaced. Because leaves are tough 'brown' organic matter they take years to decompose. They take up valuable space in the compost bin and when other ingredients have broken down into usable compost the leaves will still be recognisable. Let them rot in a container apart from the mainstream compost. Water improves the rate of decomposition so leave them open to the rain. Burning is not only environmentally unfriendly but also a waste of valuable reusable organic matter.

Using Leaf Mould

Well-decayed leaves make excellent mulch to suppress weeds and keep the surface of the soil from drying out. Dug into the soil it will improve the physical structure, which in turn makes it more fertile. It can be added to potting compost and be spread on the lawn. Some undecayed leaves can be added to volumes of grass cuttings to balance the breakdown of both and improve the texture of the resulting compost.

Other ways to manage leaves efficiently:

1. Leaf Composting Bin <http://www.recycleworks.co.uk/Wooden-Leaf-Mould-Composting-Module.html>
2. Leaf Composting Module - a natural Combo extension to the Leaf Mould Bin and other Composting units.