



Compost Bin:

- lower cost
- minimal assembly
- larger capacity bins can handle 2-3 times the volume of a tumbler (important for large family sizes or if residents want to compost large quantities of leaves)
- aerated using a pitch fork or shovel
- bins drain excess moisture more readily
- harvesting finished compost with a shovel can be a slower process

Compost Tumbler:

- higher cost
- assembly required (approximately one hour)
- smaller capacity
- sealed drum speeds up composting process
- aerated by spinning
- easy to access finished compost by inverting the drum over a wheelbarrow or garden cart
- dual compartment models keep newly added organics separate from finishing compost
- can be difficult to spin when over 2/3 full
- no accessibility for wildlife
- can be difficult to slide the lid open below 0°