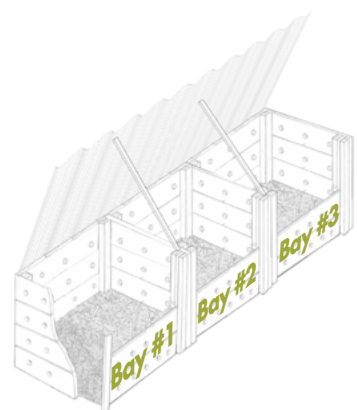


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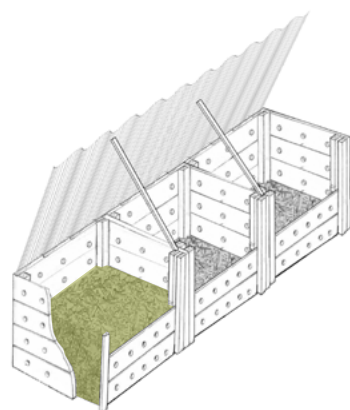


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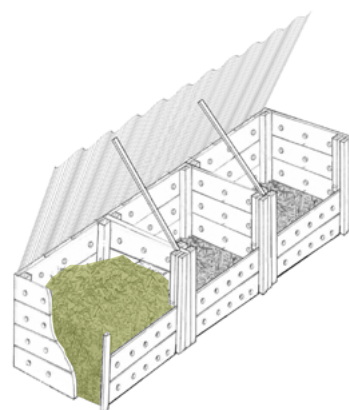
During the rainy season a lid may be placed over the bays to avoid excess humidity and rotting



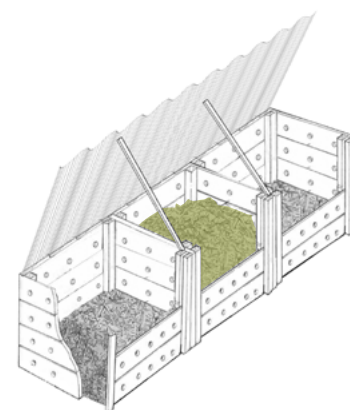
Starting with an empty bin, where bay #1 is the far left, bay #2 the middle and bay #3 the far right one.



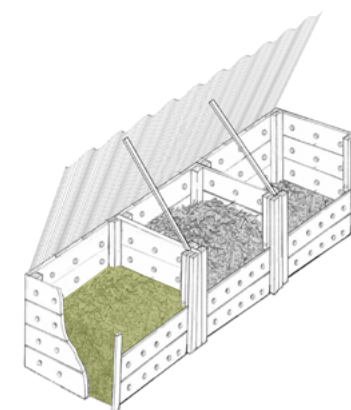
Start filling bay #1 with organic residue. Review the checklist for what can be composted in this system.



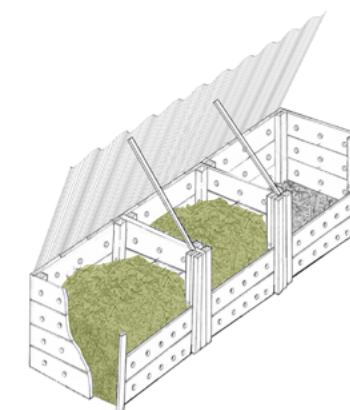
When bay #1 is full...



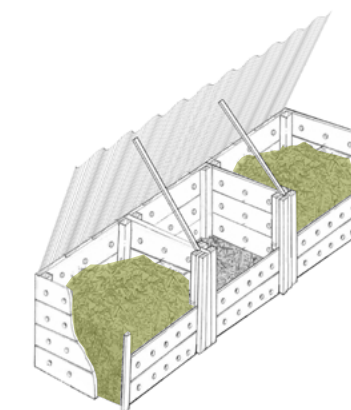
Transfer the contents of bay #1 to bay #2.



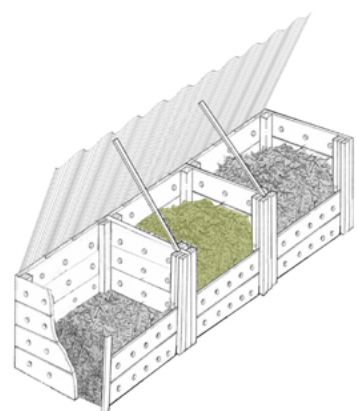
Start filling bay #1 again and let bay #2 compost and mature.



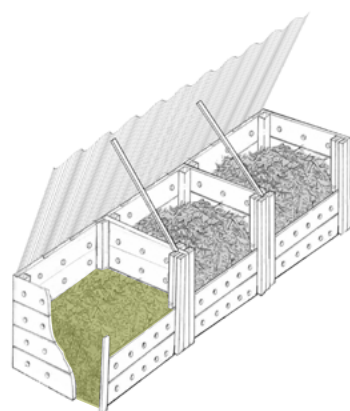
When bay #1 is full again...



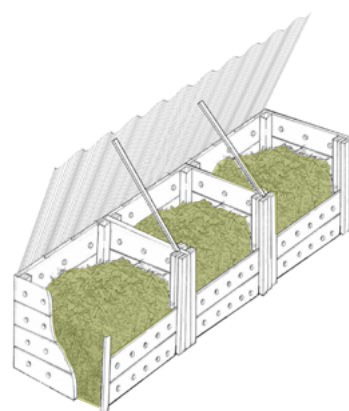
Transfer the contents of bay #2 to bay #3



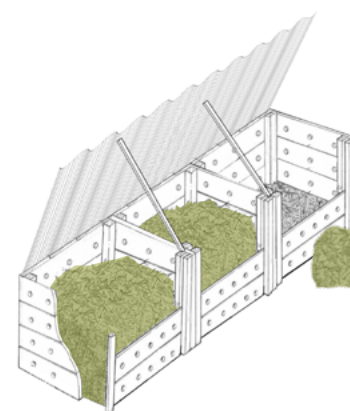
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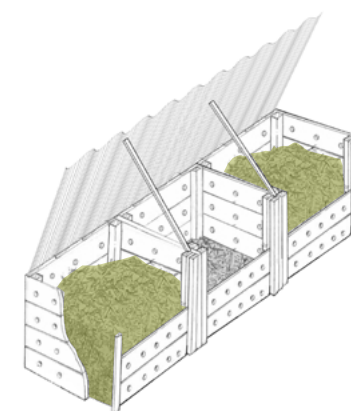
Start filling bay #1 again and let bay #2 and bay #3 compost and mature.



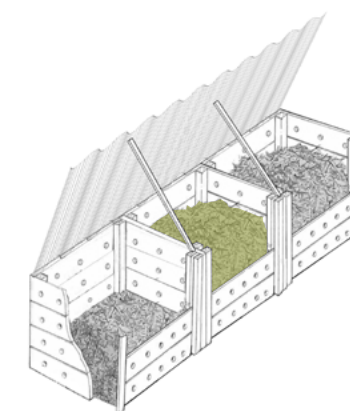
When bay #1 is full again bay #3 should be ready-to-use compost



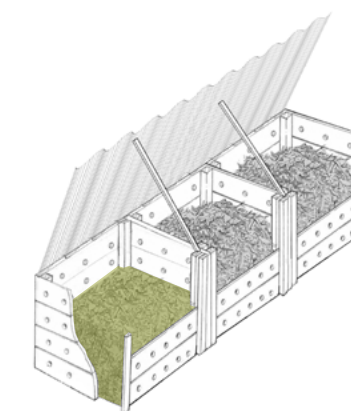
Empty bay #3 into a wheelbarrow and use in your veggie garde, around fruit trees or any other plant



Transfer the contents of bay #2 to bay #3



and the contents of bay #1 to bay #2.



Start filling bay #1 again and keep repeating the process as bay #1 gets full.

Composting checklist:

- ✓ Foodscraps
- ✓ Leaf litter
- ✓ Mulch/ chipped plant material
- ✓ Untreated sawdust, shavings.
- ✓ Egg, crab, oyster and clam shells
- ✓ Old potting soil
- ✓ Humanure and other animal manure
- ✓ Egg-cartons
- ✓ Untreated grassclippings
- ✓ Paper, newspaper
- ✓ Chicken and fish bones

Tips:

Keep your 'browns' and 'greens' balanced. If the compost bin starts to smell it may be too moist or it may have too much 'green' material.

Frequent adding of matter and consecutive turning of the bays is what allows materials to compost. Do not let material sit for too long in the bays, especially #1.