



## Making organic fertilisers

Here are the top three ways to make lovely nutrient-rich fertilisers cheaply, easily and continuously for use on your garden.

### Liquid Manure Fertiliser

Your choice of chicken, horse, pig, sheep, pigeon, cow, guinea pig, etc. One of these or a concoction of them all can be used.

1. Heap the manure on a piece of shade cloth, bring the corners together, and bind them with rope. This will form a giant 'tea bag'. Or use a porous bag or sack, eg hessian, and close it up.
2. Put the 'tea bag' into a drum or bin and half-fill the drum with water.
3. As with a regular tea bag, lift 'n' drop the manure tea bag in the water to release the goodness in the manure. Then you can leave it to brew for a few hours or a few days.
4. Dilute 1 part liquid manure with 10 parts water.

### Liquid Worm Castings Fertiliser

Once your worm farm is in full operation (ie when the first tray is filled up and you've had to add a second tray for the foodstuffs) you can regularly trickle water through from the top. As it goes through, it picks up particles of the worm-castings in the first tray.

Drain it out of the reservoir tray and dilute 1 part with 8 parts water.

### Liquid Comfrey Fertiliser

Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) a herbaceous perennial to 1m, can be used to make one of the best fertilisers for the home garden. Its deep tap root takes up a variety of nutrients and minerals and stores them in the leaves.

1. Fill a drum or bin with comfrey leaves.
2. Fill 2/3 of the bin with water, mix & stir, put on a lid.
3. In a week it will start to smell; it smells for about another 3 weeks.
4. Once the smell has gone it is ready to use.
5. Dilute 1 part fertiliser with 1 part water.