

# Which system is best for me?

To help you choose the composter that best suits your needs, this table gives an overview of the main things to consider.

Remember, there will always be a degree of maintenance and work associated with each of these systems. Most require some initial effort to get started but, once up and running, are relatively easy to manage.

While you can spend money buying a composter it is also possible to make your own at home. Go to the Compost section of [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie) for designs and tips on building your own.

	TYPE	What it looks like	What it Takes	Cost	Compost Generated	Space Required	Amount of work to maintain
Mostly Garden Materials	<b>Holding Systems &amp; Compost Bins</b>		Mostly garden materials, some food waste	Low to Moderate	A lot	In general needs a garden/soil area	<b>A little</b> Needs to be turned occasionally
	<b>Turning Systems</b>		Mostly garden materials, some food waste	Moderate	A lot	Garden area	<b>Some effort</b> Depending on volume - needs to be turned occasionally
	<b>Leaf Mould</b>		Mostly garden materials, some food waste	Free!	Any amount	Yard or garden	<b>Seasonal</b> Collect leaves in the autumn
	<b>Grasscycling</b>		Just grass	Free!	Any amount	Garden	<b>Some effort</b> Less effort than conventional mowing
	<b>Mulching</b>		Garden materials	Free!	Any amount	Garden	<b>A lot</b> Effort & shredder required
Mainly Food Waste	<b>Bokashi</b>		Food waste	Low to Moderate	4 - 5 People per unit	Balcony, Shed, Yard, Garden	<b>A little</b> Composted materials need to be buried occasionally
	<b>Food Waste Tumblers</b>		Mostly food waste, some garden materials	High	4 - 5 People	Balcony, Shed, Yard, Garden	<b>Very little</b> Time required for turning
	<b>Food Digestion Cones</b>		Food waste	Moderate - High	3 - 4 People	Garden	<b>Very little</b> May need emptying every 12-24 months
	<b>Food Burial/Trenching</b>		Food waste	Free!	Any amount	Garden	<b>Some effort</b> Digging as required
	<b>Wormeries</b>		Food waste	Moderate - High	4 - 3 People per unit	Balcony, Shed, Yard, Garden	<b>Some effort</b> Keep the worms happy!

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