

Dressing the lawn with compost

A step-by-step guide



Compost

Dig out plenty of home-made compost from your compost bin.



Smooth it out

Sieve the compost to remove any lumps.



Waste not want not

You can put the bigger pieces of compost left in the sieve back into your compost bin.



Sharp sand

Use the same volume of sharp sand as home compost to even the mix and add weight, so the compost gets right down into the soil.



Mix it up

Mix together the sharp sand and sieved compost.



Fork the lawn

Use a garden fork to make holes in the lawn. Give it a good wiggle to make the holes large enough for the compost mix to get down to the grass roots.



Spread it

Spread the compost mix across the whole lawn.



Even it out

Using a rake or broom, spread the compost mix evenly across the lawn to a depth of about one inch.



Water

If you have not had any rain two days after you have spread the mix, give the lawn a good watering.

Sit back and wait

Your lawn may look a bit grey and untidy for three weeks or so, until the compost has worked its way in – this is completely normal.