



Frugal Gardener

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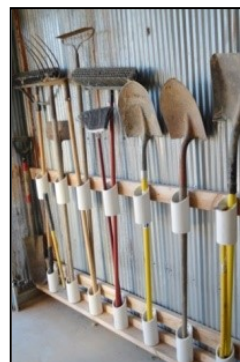
Compost Collecting: My Mom had her three children jumping out of our 3 seater Bonneville Station Wagon to collect people's yard waste. There was something sneaky yet exciting about it. She would cruise the streets. She knew the honey pots, like a fisherman, knows the best fishing holes. And, she never ever gave up her sources. Today, we can't find those nice big bags of clean oak leaves or pine straw (unless we rake it from our own yards). Lawn services usually haul it all away. How sad. Collecting Compost is a win-win. It's a free source of organic to feed your garden ~ and it keeps it out of the landfills. I compost kitchen scraps. I would NEVER give up my nutrients to the garbage disposal or trash can. I sweet talk the baristas everywhere I go and sometimes I get lucky. The produce guys at my grocery see me coming and know what I am looking for. Usually, corn shucks are the best I can do these days. Some produce stands will give you their refuse. Folks with hooved animals can always use some help mucking out stalls. Some will even leave a pile for you to back the station wagon up to 😊



When my kitchen counter bin is full, outside it goes!



This works well in my neighborhood.



Cut PVC, drill holes and mount on to wood.

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I like to save seed packets (at least through the growing cycle of a plant). Attach the packet to a stake or paint stirrer by cutting a slit in the packet. Cover each marker with a small inverted jar.



When you are running out of space, try hanging some of your pots.



Terra cotta lighthouse made with clay pots and a candle lantern or solar light, clay pots, and primer spray paint, and glue.



An old tire rim should be easy to find. Paint it up and hang it up.



Clever way to post house numbers or family name!