



DIY Plant Fertilizer: Compost Tea Recipe

Supplies: String, a porous material (nylon socking, cheese cloth, or coffee filter), jug or pail, compost, non-chlorinated water.

Step 1

Use a non-sterilized compost mixture (your own or from a garden centre).

Step 2

Create a tea bag out of an old stocking or sock, cheese cloth, a coffee filter or any other material that is flexible and porous.

Step 3

Fill your 'tea bag' with the compost and tie off the top. The amount of compost you will use depends on the size of the bucket you will steep it in. For a 2 litre jug, use $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of compost.

Step 4

Fill the bucket with rain water (best) or tap water that's been sitting overnight (no chlorine please as it will kill the microbes!) and submerge your tea bag into the water.

Step 5

Let your tea steep overnight.

Step 6

Use the tea to water your garden or house plants first thing in the morning to get maximum benefits from the microbes and to minimize evaporation from the sun.