



TOP TEN List of Items needed to start a composting system in your backyard:

	<u>Units Needed</u>	<u>Low Price Per Unit</u>	<u>High Price Per Unit</u>	<u>Total Price (Low Range)</u>	<u>Total Price (High Range)</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Hyperlink 1</u>	<u>Hyperlink 2</u>	<u>Hyperlink 3</u>
1. Food waste collection bin (1.5 gallon)	1	20	30	20	30	Stainless steel is nice as it easily cleans and doesn't absorb the food odors like plastic does.	http://www.amazon.com/dp/B015D-RQ36E/ref=sx_r_click_within_right_4?pf_rd_t=301&pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_p=2329824862&pf_rd_j=ogri+food+waste&pf_rd_r=15222EV-ERTZCXWNTZ2J0&pf_rd_s=desktop-rhs-carousels&pssc=1	http://www.amazon.com/Ogri-Countertop-Compost-Charcoal-Filter/dp/B004SF2INA/ref=pf_dp_sim_201_3?ie=UTF8&dpId=41aDkCvBYiL&dpSrc=sims&preST=AC_UL160_SR160%2C160_&refRID=02812B5P0S13TWN9QR9M	http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/product/oggi-stainless-steel-composter/122920?skuld=16667650&mcid=PS_googlepla_brand_br_and_&adpos=1o2&creative=45758750869&device=c&matchtype=&network=g&gclid=CJOKEQJw2_23BRDb_qbvzK3X8M8BEiQAg87AF4jcc_oyEo_7K3AA56eCGeHL_F5Vv0DxOKG5fq2Nna5MaAsVc8P8HAQ
2. Trash Cans (20 gallons)	2	15.99	15.99	31.98	31.98	Also consider looking on Craigs list for used ones.	https://www.google.com/express/product/15039829011982947188_494_317525281499286_10142075?mall=Nevada&utm_source=google&utm_medium=shopping		
3. 'Do it all' stakes	3	2.99	2.99	8.97	8.97	Worth the investment to get a long enough stake to hold your trashcan securely to the ground. Link is to a box of 24 for \$28.49 or \$1.19 a stake. Ace Hardware sells for \$2.99 for an individual stake.	http://www.amazon.com/Master-Mark-12151-Plastic-Stake/dp/B0034YJL2M		
4. Window screen (two, 2' x 2' pieces)	2	0.75	0.75	1.5	1.5	About \$40 for a 2' x 100' roll (see link) At Orchard Supply, Ace, or Home Depot can get them to cut you two 2' x 2' squares for about \$0.75 each.	http://www.amazon.com/New-York-Wire-33107-Fiberglass/dp/B000CSIC1E/ref=sr_1_2?s=lawn-garden&ie=UTF8&qid=1459618708&sr=8-2&keywords=window+screen		
5. Grates (n=2)	2	8	8	16	16	To be placed on top of the window screen that will sit atop the garbage cans to hold the weights.	http://www.amazon.com/Weber-7431-Cooking-Grate/dp/B000WEIKL0/ref=sr_1_2?s=lawn-garden&ie=UTF8&qid=1459624256&sr=1-2&keywords=grate	http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/product/grid-wire-modular-shelving-and-storage-cubes/1016719773	
6. Weights	3	5	15	15	45	\$15 is typical for a new 10lb weight. In my experience, 30 lbs is necessary to keep out raccoons and other rodents. If you scavenge at yard sales or just find some decorative heavy stones in your yard to put on top of the grate to keep out critters you'll save a lot here.	http://www.amazon.com/Barbell-2-Inch-Olympic-Grip-Plate/dp/B00ZKJ0810/ref=pf_dp_sim_200_4?ie=UTF8&dpId=51mh3C3j9vL&dpSrc=sims&preST=AC_UL160_SR160%2C160_&refRID=0HN440GPQXEAACJWZ0JD	http://www.amazon.com/CA-P-Barbell-Standard-1-Inch-Weight/dp/B00JB2V44Y/ref=pf_dp_sim_200_1?ie=UTF8&dpId=411bDvrLkiL&dpSrc=sims&preST=AC_UL160_SR160%2C160_&refRID=0V9FMCR-EENYH85GX2SPC	

7. Potting soil mix or finished compost	1	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	<p>Finished compost is recommended over potting soil mix as the potting mixes usually have added inorganic fertilizers. Your earthworms and other creatures in the soil will appreciate the absence of these salts. Ace Hardware sells a 1.5 cubic foot compost bag</p>	No link available		
8. Compost holding bins	4	10	10	40	40	<p>I've found about 4 crates do a really nice job of allowing the compost you harvest in one of your trash cans to be held until needed for additions to the top of the next active composting session in your other trash can. The earthworms get plenty of oxygen and plenty of flexibility in moving up and down the crates as necessary while they are 'finishing' the compost.</p>	http://www.amazon.com/Factory-Additional-Composting-Trays-Black/dp/B00BJYMXHE/ref=pd_sim_86_2?ie=UTF8&dpjID=41UgnCevA8L&dpSrc=sims&preST=ACW_UL160_SR1_60%2C160_&refRID=1147NNTXH03GNCYGGRWG		
9. Earthworms (1 lb) - Typically \$15-25, but FREE FOR A LIMITED TIME @ PURPLE GLOVE ORGANICS!	1	0	0	0	0	<p>Happy to donate for the foreseeable future, as I have quite a few earthworms, and I'm glad to give them away to folks who will provide them a good home :)</p>	http://purplegloveorganics.com/		
10. Wood shavings	1	20	20	20	20	<p>This is a large bag and could probably supply 3 or 4 households with all the wood chips needed to get you started. Maybe consider going in with a neighbor or two and splitting the cost of a large bag.</p> <p>It's just nice to have some high carbon material on hand like these wood shavings to put into your food waste collection bin in your kitchen to cut down on potential odors. I like to put a thin 1-2" layer on the container's bottom when I empty it out each time.</p> <p>Felton Feed and Pet Supply in Felton, CA sells this brand (see link).</p> <p>Leaf mulch also works well though, and is much cheaper if you have an ample supply on hand.</p>	http://www.awf.com/american-wood-fibers-americas-choice-eco.htm		
Total Cost				\$98	\$138				