

RAINSCAPE IT!

Restore Soil Quality In Your Yard

COMPOST TEA

A Do-It-Yourself

Rainscaping practice that improves and protects Iowa water and soil resources.



Make the most of a little bit of compost by brewing COMPOST TEA. It's one of the best natural soil amendments, chock full of microbes that promote a healthy soil ecosystem.

- Replaces chemicals
- Helps to suppress diseases
- Increases plant growth



Simply steep compost in water. When steep is complete, fill a pump sprayer with the liquid portion of the compost tea (and water if diluting).

Pump and apply:

As Soil Drench. For a healthy lawn follow up aeration with a tea application.



As Foliar Spray. For best results, at least 75% of the upper and lower leaf surface should be covered with each application.



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STEEPED COMPOST TEA

Get Brewing - Get Tea
Restore Soil Quality



1. Fill a clean 5 gallon bucket with water. If possible, use rainwater collected in a rain barrel. If using chlorinated city water, set the bucket of water outside in a sunny location for a short while for chlorine removal.

2. Make a tea bag by filling mesh type material with 4 to 6 cups of compost. Materials that work well are old nylons, burlap, cheese cloth or small mesh laundry bags. Suspend homemade tea bag in water.

3. Let it steep for 24 hours. To derive the most benefit, apply tea within 4 hours after the steep is complete.

Tea time!

Full strength compost tea is safe, however to further its use, tea can be diluted with chlorine free water at a 1:5 to 1:15 ratio (one gallon of tea to 5 - 15 gallons of water).

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