

Agitated Compost Tea

Make it in a half hour and use right away!

Compost tea does not keep or store as the microbes need to be alive, reproducing, and active when applied. Start in the early morning so the tea does not burn the plant leaves. Make on a weekly basis to foliar feed your garden and see wonderful results.

Materials:

2 – 5gal. buckets

Rain water

drill with paint stir attachment

active, finished compost (1-2 cups)

paint strainer cloth

liquid molasses (1/2 cup)

hydrolyzed fish emulsion (1/2 cup)

watering can with sprinkler

1. Fill the bucket 3/4th full of rain water. Add the active, finished compost. Gather compost from different compost piles to have a greater diversity of microbes. Use paint stirrer for 1-2 minutes to fling the microbes off the compost in the water. Best action is to get the stirrer to form a vortex in the middle of the bucket.
2. Pour the mixed compost/water through the cloth strainer into the second bucket. Add the molasses and fish emulsion and let set for 20- 30 minutes.
3. Pour finished compost tea into the watering can and add rain water so it looks like weak tea. Sprinkle out over garden plants and soil. **Caution: If compost tea is too strong or if used when the sun is hot (after 9:30am) this will burn the leaves of the plants.**