

ChickenFuel tea

Compost Tea Recipe

Ingredients

- 6 ounces of DankoDirt ChickenFuel
- 5 gallon bucket
- 4 gallons of water
- 1 ounce of unsulfured molasses
- Air pump, a few feet of tubing, 3 tee connectors and 4 air stones.
- 1 burlap sack (or pillowcase or cheesecloth).

Directions

- 1. Place roughly 6 ounces into the burlap sack.** Any good tea starts with the quality of the compost. Using ChickenFuel ensures you are using a compost that is full of beneficial microbes which will encourage growth and protection of your plants. If you don't have a burlap sack, a pillowcase or cheesecloth is a fine substitute. You want a container that will let the water in, but keep the compost enclosed.
- 2. Fill your 5 gallon bucket up with roughly 4 gallons of water.** Next to the compost, water is the next most important ingredient of your tea. If you live in the city, your water probably contains chlorine which is harmful to the tea; fill your bucket up 24 hours prior to brewing which will allow the chlorine to evaporate. If you know your water doesn't contain chlorine, you are good to go. Use a clean bucket; One that hasn't been used to house chemicals, paint or anything else that would be harmful to plants (no matter how well you cleaned it).
- 3. Put together the pump, tubing, tees and air stones.** Aeration is key to keep the microbes thriving during the brewing process. To do that, take the pump, tubing and tees to create four outlets. At the end of each of these outlets attach an air stone. The stones creates bubbles that fill the water with oxygen, which microbes need.
- 4. Place the sack of ChickenFuel into the bucket of water.** Swirl it around and get it steeping with water. You might need to lift it up and down multiple times but once it is saturated, it will sink. Your tea will begin to take on a rich brown color.
- 5. Place 1 ounce of unsulfured molasses into your tea.** The molasses acts as food for the microbes and allows them to multiply. Make sure the molasses is unsulfured. Sulfur is used as a preservative, which again could be harmful to the tea and your plants. Once you have added the molasses, take a spoon or stick and mix the contents, dissolving it thoroughly.
- 6. Insert air stones into the bucket of tea.** You want to make sure they are spread out within the bucket to ensure oxygen is getting distributed.
- 7. Place the bucket somewhere safe and plug in the pump.** You don't want your tea in direct sunlight but somewhere warm is ideal. Make sure your tea is out of reach of children and pets. Plug in your pump and let the brewing begin.
- 8. After 1-2 days your tea will be ready to use.** You can apply it with a sprayer (one not used to apply chemicals or poison) or directly to the roots of your plants.



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