Toilets

History of the toilets

First there was a shit tower and a poop-o-rama.

Then there were the bins but it wasn't composting well and we didn't know what to do with them.

Now we have electrical compost containers!! Weeh.

The poop compost

The structure on the left of the toilets is a poop compost! It was made as a temporary buffer to empty bins before we got the new system installed. It was made and filled for Summer Solstice 2025, to be released into nature on Summer Solstice 2029.

Things to know about the compost

MOST IMPORTANTLY: should never be in direct contact with the ground and should always be covered to avoid rainwater carrying pathogens into the nearby water sources

The poop needs to be in a separate but well-ventilated area to properly compost. It should take 2 years for the compost to be ready to use somewhere in the forest (NOT on crops in the garden), assuming it's going to be mixed every 6 months or so, so we are assuming 4 years with limited mixing should do the trick.

1. Take a bunch of pallets (Morell has lots and lots of them to give away for free) and put them together to make some sort of open box. You can screw them together and use buried logs to act as support.
2. Take a lot of twigs and use them to fill the holes at the bottom of the pallets. Fly net can work in a pinch but it's a much more expensive solution. Then put a layer of twigs laid horizontally to make it a little more ventilated.
3. Add some organic matter from another compost like the one in the garden to help kickstart the process, layering it evenly.
4. Dump the bins into the structure, making sure it's spread as evenly as possible too.
5. Add hay on top to keep away the flies, you should not be able to see the sawdust under it.
6. Cover the whole thing with a waterproof tarp, making sure it's at an angle so that the rainwater does not accumulate in one spot.

Voilà! You have a new compost container.

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