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Garbage Makes Your Garden Grow: New Machine Makes Composting Easy

(NAPSA)—Until now, maintaining a compost pile was hard work that took months, even years, to pay off. Today, gardeners across the globe are digging into a modern age in composting, thanks to a new and revolutionary automatic tool that makes composting fast and easy.

The new NatureMill composter is the first automatic composter of its kind. Shaped like a compact, foot-pedal trash can, NatureMill sits quietly in your kitchen or on your porch, turning food and paper scraps into compost fertilizer for your garden. With NatureMill, a family of four can eliminate up to five pounds of waste per day and produce fresh organic compost in just two weeks, without the work, wait or smell.

NatureMill is the creation of MIT graduate and entrepreneur Russ Cohn, who recently stood in his San Francisco garden, among lavish, fragrant lavender and rosemary, describing his intention to eliminate half the world's trash.

"Fifty percent of landfills are food and paper waste, which is trapped and embalmed in the landfills, leaching toxic chemicals and creating harmful methane gas," Cohn says. "There's a better way: If every family in America composted, we would reduce our country's trash output by half."

A child- and pet-safe natural fertilizer, compost not only strengthens plants with valuable nitrogen, but it also helps dirt maintain moisture, so your plants ultimately need less water.

NatureMill's built-in technology filters out odors. The whole cycle takes just two weeks, an astonishing feat considering traditional composting is labor-intensive and



Russ Cohn has made composting easy with the NatureMill automatic composter.

takes months to yield fresh, clean dirt. A convenient drawer at the bottom of the machine makes it easy to harvest your latest batch of "gardener's gold."

"In the future, composters will become as popular as dishwashers or microwave ovens," Cohn says. Below, he offers a few tips to gardeners making their own compost at home:

- Toss your valuable kitchen scraps into the composter instead of the trash. Eggshells, coffee grounds, fruit and tea bags are all great ingredients to create gardener's gold!

- Add dry and moist materials so your compost doesn't get dried out. A little moisture in the pile is needed to keep things going.

- Paper waste can also be composted. First shred it and then add it to your composter.

- NatureMill recycles its weight in waste every 10 days, diverting more than two tons of waste from landfills over its life.

For more information, visit www.naturemill.com.