

Weed Tea



- Fill an onion bag (open weave) with kikuyu/couch or other weeds to make it into a weed teabag. Add a brick to the bag to help it submerge.
- Then put that into a bucket and submerge the weeds in water – ensure they are completely underwater. It's called death by drowning. Cover well to keep out mosquitoes.
- After about **twelve** weeks, the weeds are completely dead.
- Take the weed tea bag out of the bucket and let it drain.
- The structure of the weeds is left, but without the nutrients, which have seeped into the water.
- Put the weed debris into the compost heap so that it continues to break down.
- What remains is a liquid that makes a wonderful weed tea. Put it on the compost heap, so the nutrients accelerate the composting process and make it happen faster.
- Use the tea as a liquid fertilizer. But remember it's quite strong and may need to be diluted to a mixture that's about **one part weed tea to ten parts water** – before it's ready for use.

(Modified from Gardening Australia fact sheet)



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