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More advice from Helen Yemm online

# THORNY PROBLEMS

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Helen Yemm

“ Most importantly, Absolutely everyone with a plastic bin needs a compost aerator / stirrer with which to mix the contents on a regular basis (probably once a week) or whenever there is any major addition to the bin. This halves the rotting time and irons out most of the potential problems. It is really hard to stir efficiently with an ordinary garden fork because the top openings of bins are so high and narrow.

I have written about special gadgets at some length before and have had enthusiastic feedback from readers who have acquired them. I have now found a super-efficient compost turner made by Darlac, which has a double sided handle and a large pair of blades”

