

When the mushrooms appear singly or in small clusters the best way to gather them is as follows: Take hold of the stalk just under the cap and give the mushroom a slight twist. This will break it loose from the spawn and it can then be lifted up without disturbing the bed. The compost should be pressed firmly into the cavity formed. The soiled end of the stalk should be cut off and discarded but not allowed to remain on the bed.

If the mushrooms come up in large clusters, the clusters should be cut off close to the soil and placed in a receptacle. The stubs of the stalks should then be carefully removed and the cavity formed filled in with compost.

The foregoing account of mushroom growing applies particularly to growing them in small quantities for the home or limited local use. There are a number of good books and bulletins which can be secured, dealing with mushroom growing on a commercial scale.

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