

## Composting

Composting is the process of recycling organic materials like leaves, lawn trimmings and food scraps. When the materials decay, people can add the vitamin and nutrient mix into the garden.

What goes into a compost pile?

**Composting Guide**

<b>Greens</b>	<b>Browns</b>
fruits veggies	dead leaves
coffee grounds and filters	shredded paper and cardboard
tea bags	wood chips,
grass clippings	hay, mulch
manure {cow, horse, goat, chicken and rabbit}	wood ash

**Don't Compost**

pet waste	fats/oils	meats/bones
coal/charcoal		dairy
anything with pesticides or diseases		

Layering the ingredients



Brown materials for composting



Green materials for composting



## Making a Compost Bin



### **Creating the bin**

Select a large storage bin. Have someone drill holes in the top, sides, and bottom. A dark container might make the decomposition process faster.

### **Adding the browns**

Add brown leaves. A compost bin should contain 60% brown materials and 40% green materials.

### **Location of the bin**

Place the bin somewhere that doesn't block people from walking around or near a building.

### **Adding the greens**

Add food scraps and mix everything together very thoroughly.

### **Water the compost**

Use a spray bottle to slightly wet the soil. You don't want to soak the ingredients so much that they smell. The materials should feel like a wrung-out sponge.

### **Keeping the bin active**

Each day try to add green materials and brown materials. Remember shredded paper, shredded cardboard, toilet paper and paper towel rolls are considered brown scraps. Make sure to mix everything together as you add new materials.