

RESOURCES

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→ Brown Leaves

→ Kitchen Waste

→ Grass Clippings

→ Brown Leaves

→ Green Leaves

→ Woodchips



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COMPACT COMPOSTING

A Guide to Small Batch Composting

WHAT IS COMPOST?

A nutrient-rich soil that is made from recycling unwanted organic material



WHY COMPOST?



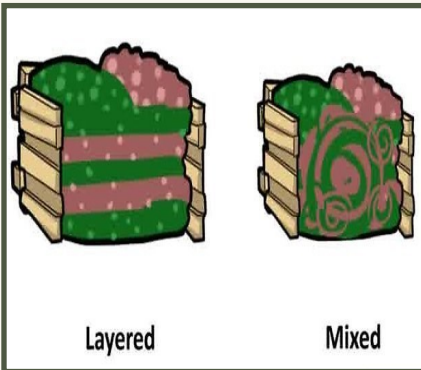
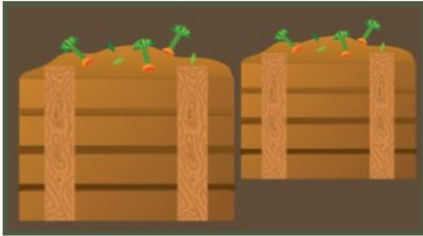
Americans
produced 250
million tons of
trash in 2016.
About half of
that waste was
compostable!

Use this guide to
learn how you can
use composting to
save resources,
reduce environmental
impacts, and increase
the soil quality of your
own home garden!



HOW TO COMPOST

Start with a container, like a plastic bin or five-gallon bucket. Larger wooden bins can be used outdoors.



Start adding to your pile:

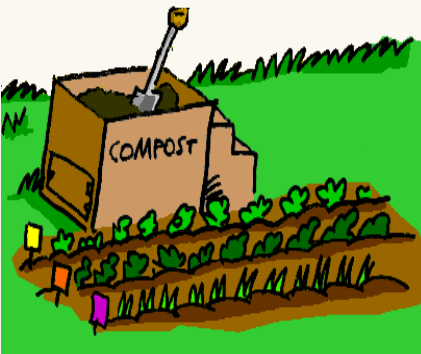
- Manure, grass clippings, and food wastes
- Nitrogen sources help activate the compost pile
- Layer and mix materials

- Keep compost moist, but not soaked
- Cover to prevent loss of moisture
- Turn your pile every week
- The warmer the pile the better (55°+)



Finished compost looks and feels like dark soil and can take a few months to finish.

Once it's done, add it to veggie and flower beds, lawns, trees, and shrubs.



COMPOSTING TIPS

Carbon rich materials, also known as “browns” and nitrogen rich material, also known as “greens” should have a ratio of 25:1 Carbon : Nitrogen

CARBON

- Cardboard
- Dry Leaves
- Sawdust
- Newspaper
- Paper Towels
- Ash
- Dry Grass
- Shredded Paper
- Dry Lint
- Pine Needles

NITROGEN

- Vegetable Trimmings
- Fruit scraps
- Coffee Grounds and Filters
- Livestock Manure
- Yard Waste
- Stale Bread
- Fresh Grass

WHAT SHOULDN'T GO IN A COMPOST PILE?

Meat, fat, grease, dairy, bones, animal feces or litter, weeds with seeds, diseased plants or anything chemically treated.