

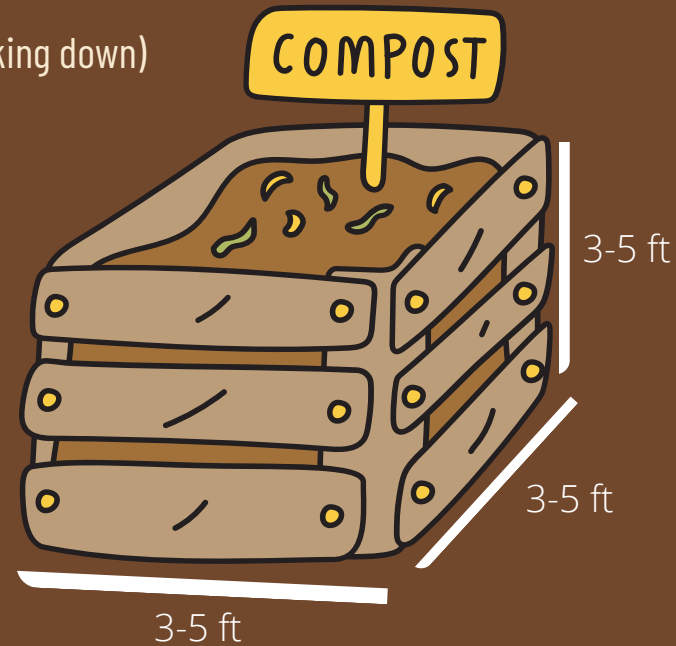
COMPOSTING MADE EASY

What is compost?

Compost = material in the process of decomposition (breaking down)

Steps:

1. Start with a layer of straw.
2. Add a layer of green material (to produce Nitrogen).
3. Add a layer of brown materials (to produce carbon) that is twice as thick as the green layer.
4. Add water.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 until you have created a compost pile that is 3-5 ft. cubed.



Brown Materials

- Aged hay
- Oat hay
- Cardboard
- Dry, shredded leaves
- Sawdust
- Chipped wood
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Shredded paper
- Paper towels
- Straw
- Toilet paper rolls
- Wood ash (not coal)
- Dried grass



NOTE: Shred or cut any large materials into small pieces because small materials decompose faster

Green Materials

- Vegetable trimmings
- Algae
- Green leaves
- Grass clippings
- Kelp or seaweed
- Green shrub prunings
- Tea bags
- Alfalfa meal/hay
- Coffee grounds/filter
- Animal manure (of animals that eat plants only)
- Houseplants
- Weeds (without seed heads)
- Old flower bouquets
- Human/animal hair
- Aquarium water (freshwater only)



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What NOT to Compost:

- Animal fats, grease, lard, or oils
- Dairy products
- Diseased plants
- Dog or cat feces
- Meat scraps or bones
- Weeds that go to seed
- Coal or charcoal ash
- Black walnut tree leaves or twigs
- Yard trimming treated with chemical pesticides



Why compost?

- Enriches soil--healthy soil = healthy produce!
- Increases moisture retention
- Protects against plant diseases & pests
- Minimizes need for chemical fertilizers
- Promotes beneficial bacteria
- Reduces landfill methane emissions, decreasing our carbon footprint



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