



BENEFITS



Keeps yard wastes out of storm drains.



Keeps yard wastes out of landfills - makes up about 30%.



Saves time and effort from raking leaves.



Improves soil structure and texture.



Boosts the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi.



Turns household waste into valuable fertilizer!

WHAT IS COMPOST?

A valuable humus-like material created from organic waste by speeding up the natural processes of decay.

WE SPEAK ORGANIC!

Your guide to mother nature's recycling.



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WHAT TO COMPOST



MATERIAL GREEN BROWN

MATERIAL	GREEN	BROWN
		✓
	✓	
	✗	✗
	✓	
		✓
		✓
	✗	✗
	✓	
	✗	✗
		✓
	✓	
	✗	✗

HOW TO COMPOST



1 CHOOSE A LOCATION
 Select a dry, level spot in sun or shade, away from tree roots, wooden fences / buildings, and near to a water source.

MIX BROWNS + GREENS

Add brown and green materials as you collect them, making sure larger pieces are chopped / shredded.



3 WATER YOUR PILE
 Keep materials moist, but not wet, throughout the year. A dry pile will not compost.









STIR IT UP!
 Try to turn and aerate the pile whenever you can - ideally ever 7 to 10 days.



5 FEED YOUR GARDEN
 If ready, your compost should be dry, brown, and crumbly.

TIPS & TRICKS



-  Cold compost = no maintenance, but slow decomposing process.
-  Hot compost = more work, but yields fast results.
-  Vermicompost = made with the help of red worms that feed on organic matter and release castings (high quality).
-  The ratio between greens and browns varies with each compost. Overall, more browns than greens is ideal (e.g. 3:1).
-  Smaller pieces of organic material leads to faster decomposition.
-  Store food scraps in the freezer or back of the fridge to avoid foul odors and insects.
-  Layering is key! Browns, greens, browns, greens, etc.
-  From a tumbler to a three-pallet bin, choose the setup that is right for you!