

Composting is easy!

Just follow these simple steps

To make compost:

1. Add:

High carbon materials - "browns"

Fall leaves, straw, salt marsh hay, shredded paper and cardboard (newspaper, paper towels, paper plates, paper bags), chipped brush, sawdust, pine needles (pine needles should not make up more than 10% of total material in pile)

High nitrogen materials - "greens"

Grass clippings, weeds (not laden with seeds), vegetable and fruit wastes, seaweed, eggshells, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, manure (horse, cow, rabbit, chicken, goat, gerbil, etc)

2. Mix or layer materials

After every 12" or so, add a few shovelfuls of rich soil or compost.

3. Keep it damp and aerated,

wait a few months, and
Voila...black gold!

**For best results,
and to keep out
odors and pests,**

DO NOT ADD:

- **M**eat
- **B**ones
- **F**at
- **G**rease
- **O**ils
- **P**eanut butter
- **D**airy products (cheese, butter, milk, eggs)
- **C**ooked foods with sauces or butter
- **D**og and cat manure
- **D**iseased plants
- **W**eeds gone to seed
- **W**eeds that spread by roots and runners (vines)