

WHAT TO COMPOST

What goes into your compost greatly impacts what comes out!



BROWN and GREEN??

Compost is made up of two types of materials, brown materials and green materials. Having a good balance between brown and green can insure you have a happy and healthy compost pile!

Even though it may seem otherworldly, composting is no environmental magic! Rather, composting is carried out by the millions of microorganisms which call your compost pile home!

GO GREEN!

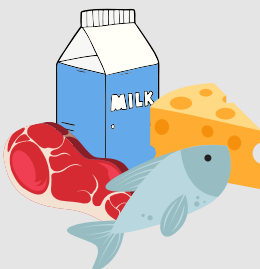
Green materials are the things you add which are high in nitrogen; nitrogen helps the microorganisms grow and develop.

Green materials are some form of fresh plant material, green materials will have a higher moisture content.

BROWNIE POINTS!

Brown materials are usually some form of dry plant material. Brown materials have high levels of carbon. Carbon is really important in the compost pile, it provides energy for all the microorganisms. These tiny creatures are hard workers and need the energy to break down all the organic matter in the compost pile. You can tell if something is a brown material if it is dry!

Don't forget to submit totals on tectn.org!!

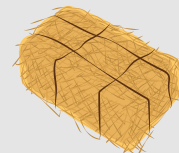


What should I compost?

- Fresh grass clippings
- Coffee grounds
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Other food scraps
- Eggshells
- Fresh picked weeds
- Animal manure (herbivores only!)



- Dried leaves
- Small twigs/sticks
- Shredded paper
- Cardboard
- Dryer lint
- Coffee filters
- Dried grass clippings
- Straw
- Paper napkins



What shouldn't I compost?

- Meat
- Fish
- Dairy
- Glossy paper or paper with a lot of ink



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