

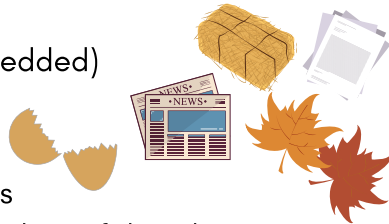
WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

What you put in your compost has a big impact on what comes out. Compost is made up of two groups of materials: "greens" and "browns". Greens are usually fresh and moist. Browns are generally more tough and dry. Knowing your greens from your browns and what things to avoid will help you have a happy, healthy, and odorless compost pile!

Compost It!

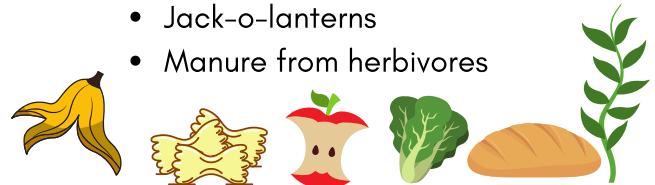
Brown

- Egg shells (crushed)
- Tea bags (paper-based only)
- Coffee filters (paper-based only)
- Used paper napkins & towel rolls
- Nutshells (EXCEPT walnuts)
- Unwaxed cardboard boxes or cartons (ripped into small pieces)
- Paper bags (shredded)
- Mixed paper
- Facial tissues
- Toilet paper rolls
- Dryer lint (no synthetic fabrics)
- Other paper & envelopes (shredded)
- Dry leaves
- Straw & dry hay
- Wood chips & sawdust from untreated wood
- Dried grass clippings
- Newspaper (shredded)
- Burlap sacks (cut into small pieces)
- Hair (unbleached, not dyed)



Green

- Fruits & vegetable scraps (peels, cores, & rinds)
- Coffee grounds
- Loose leaf tea
- Stale breads, pasta, tortillas, rice, chips, crackers, cereal
- Cooked rice & pasta
- Spoiled pasta sauce, tomato paste, or salsa
- Popcorn kernels
- Old herbs & spices
- Old jelly & jam
- Stale beer & wine
- Fresh grass clippings
- Fresh leaves
- Fresh flower, shrub, or house plant clippings
- Jack-o-lanterns
- Manure from herbivores



Do not compost at home.

- Heavily inked paper products
- Anything synthetic
- Diseased plants & weeds
- Meat & fish (may be compostable in a commercial facility near you)
- All dairy products (may be compostable in a commercial facility near you)
- Rigid compostable plastics (may be compostable in a commercial facility near you)

