

HOW TO COMPOST

- AT HOME -

1. PICK YOUR METHOD

BIN



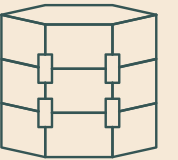
A bin system should be at least 3x3x3 ft. It can be wood, brick, or metal. Use two or three at a time, rotating material through each bin at various stages of doneness.

PIT/PILE



Create a pit, trench, pile on the ground, or bury material underground.

TUMBLER



Buy a tumbler that rotates material until completely composted or D.I.Y. by using a sturdy trash can with a lid and drilling small holes on its sides.



Dried grass, plants and yard waste
Wood chips, sawdust, and straw
Shredded paper & cardboard

2. COLLECT BROWNS AND GREENS

Fruit and vegetable scraps
Coffee grounds
Egg shells



3. COMBINE

Combine "browns" and "greens" in a 2:1-4:1 ratio. "Greens" are high-nitrogen ingredients. "Browns" are high-carbon ingredients.

Water until your mixture is as wet as a wrung out sponge.

4. WATER

Turn or rotate your compost periodically to introduce more oxygen. Aeration allows microorganisms to breakdown the material.

5. TURN

6. ASSESS

Finished compost is not hot. All material is broken down and now resembles dark soil. Finished compost does not smell.

7. USE

Incorporate compost into soil in a 1:1-1:3 ratio, use as mulch, or make compost tea.

