



Composting



Composting is a great way to improve your garden soil quality and be environmentally conscious at the same time.

Composting can be easy if you follow a few simple steps.

1. Purchase or build your compost bin. An average size of 3Ft by 3Ft works well.
2. Place your bin on a level well drained spot with partial sun.
3. Add dry brown material and wet green material. Alternate your layers . There should be more brown material than green material.
4. Add water to keep your compost moist but not too wet.
5. Aerate your compost once a week by mixing it with a pitch fork or shovel. This will mix the layers well and speed up the composting process. Proper aerating also helps eliminate any bad odors from the pile.
6. Finished compost looks like crumbly black soil and is ready to add to your gardens. This nutrient rich material is inexpensive and easy to use. You can mix into your soil or top dress your gardens.

Greens

Nitrogen Rich

- **Fruit and Vegetable Scraps**
- **Tea Bags and Coffee Grounds**
- **Fresh Grass Clippings**
- **Fresh Hedge Trimmings**
- **Cut Flowers**
- **Weeds Without Seeds**

Browns

Carbon Rich

- **Dry Leaves**
- **Twigs, Sticks**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Straw or Hay**
- **Cardboard Egg Cartons**
- **Shredded Papers and Cardboard**
- **Crushed Egg Shells**

Don't Add

- **Meat and Bones**
- **Poultry and Fish**
- **Fatty Food Waste**
- **Whole Eggs**
- **Dairy Products**
- **Human and Pet Feces**
- **Weeds that Have Seeds**
- **Treated Wood**