

# Composting Guide

Composting is pretty straightforward. If something is biodegradable it will degrade given enough time. Some people will choose to just put all kitchen scraps, leaves, animal bedding and anything else that is compostable in a pile without much thought. And eventually they'll have nice compost.

Some people will choose to follow a more precise recipe by layering browns and greens. Ideally, you'll want to put  $\frac{1}{4}$  as much green items as brown items. Plus you'll want to add a handful of soil, finished compost or a bit of manure whenever you add more browns and greens to your pile.

## Greens

Fruits  
Vegetable  
Coffee Grounds (and filters)  
Tea bags  
Grass clippings (fresh)  
Manure (cow, horse, goat, chicken, rabbit)  
Food waste  
Seaweed

## Browns

Woodchips  
Dead leaves  
Shredded paper and cardboard  
Hay  
Mulch  
Wood ash  
Corn stalks (and husks)  
Peanut shells  
Pine needles  
Saw dust  
Straw

## Don't Compost

Pet waste  
Fats/oils  
Meats/bones  
Coal/charcoal  
Dairy