

# You don't have to be an expert to compost.



It's easy to start a compost pile in your yard. Here are simple steps to get started:

1. Clear a space in your yard or garden and build a layer of straw or twigs for good drainage.
2. Start piling on your food and yard waste.
3. Keep the pile moist.
4. Turn the pile with a pitch fork or rake every couple of weeks.

#### What goes in:

Try to have a good balance of greens (nitrogen) and browns (carbon)

##### Greens/Nitrogen:

- Vegetable scraps
- Fruit scraps
- Grass
- Coffee Grounds
- Tea Bags

##### Browns/carbon:

- Egg shells
- Yard debris
- Sticks
- Dry Leaves

#### What does NOT go in:

- Meat
- Bones
- Dairy Products
- Kitty/Dog Litter

**There are a lot of books and online resources about composting. But if you are a casual composter, just follow these easy steps and you'll have rich, nutrient-filled soil in no time.**

**You don't have to be perfect in your nitrogen/carbon mixture or how often you turn it—just do your best and compost will happen!**

