



COMPOSTING 101

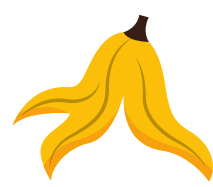
To make your compost, simply stir in these 3 basic ingredients in equal parts:



BROWNS



Dead leaves, branches, twigs, soil, wood chips, fireplace ashes, yard trimmings, paper, cardboard, shredded newspaper, hair & fur, cotton and wool rags, houseplants, hay & straw, dryer & vacuum cleaner lint



GREENS



Grass waste, vegetable scraps, fruit scraps, coffee grounds & filters, eggshells, tea bags, nut shells



WATER



Having the right amount of water is important for your compost development. Not too little, not too much.

ITEMS TO AVOID COMPOSTING

- **Coal or charcoal ash:** might contain substances harmful to plants)
- **Dairy products** (i.e., butter, milk, cream, yogurt, & eggs): create odor & pest problems
- **Diseased plants:** might transfer to other species
- **Fats, grease, lard, oils:** create odor/ pest problems
- **Meat, fish bones:** Create odor & pest problems
- **Pet waste:** may contain parasites, bacteria, pathogens
- **Yard trimmings with chemical pesticides:** might kill beneficial composting organisms



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