

WHAT TO COMPOST

"Brown" and "green" material are the only types of scraps that should be added to a compost bin. Most gardeners agree that 50/50 is a good mix, but some prefer compost that is two times more green material than brown material, others do it the reverse way. A general rule of thumb is that if your compost appears slimy, add more brown material. If it's too dry, add more green material.

YES

NITROGEN-RICH "GREENS"

- Food and vegetable scraps
- Most grass clippings and yard trim
- Coffee grounds and paper filters
- Paper tea bags (no staples)
- Eggshells (crushed)




CARBON RICH "BROWNS"

- Dry leaves
- Plant stalks and twigs
- Plain unglassy shredded paper and brown bags
- Shredded cardboard (no wax coating, tape, or glue)
- Untreated wood chips



LAYER BROWNS AND GREENS AND AVOID NO-NO ITEMS ABOVE.



- Meat, fish and bones 
- Cheese and dairy products
- Pet waste and cat litter
- Produce stickers
- Fats, oils and greases
- Glossy paper
- Treated or painted wood
- Aggressive weeds/weeds with seeds
- Diseased and pest-infested plants
- Cooked food (small amounts are fine)
- Herbicide treated plants
- Dryer lint



COMPOSTING IN 7 EASY STEPS

