



# BENEFITS

# WHAT IS COMPOST?

# WE SPEAK ORGANIC!

Your guide to mother nature's recycling.

A valuable humus-like material created from organic waste by speeding up the natural processes of decay.



Keeps yard wastes out of storm drains.



Keeps yard wastes out of landfills - makes up about 30%.



Saves time and effort from raking leaves.



Improves soil structure and texture.



Boosts the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi.



Turns household waste into valuable fertilizer!



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# WHAT TO COMPOST



MATERIAL    GREEN    BROWN

MATERIAL	GREEN	BROWN
		✓
	✓	
	✗	✗
	✓	
		✓
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# HOW TO COMPOST



**1 CHOOSE A LOCATION**  
Select a dry, level spot in sun or shade, away from tree roots, wooden fences / buildings, and near to a water source.

## MIX BROWNS + GREENS

Add brown and green materials as you collect them, making sure larger pieces are chopped / shredded.



**3 WATER YOUR PILE**  
Keep materials moist, but not wet, throughout the year. A dry pile will not compost.

**STIR IT UP!**  
Try to turn and aerate the pile whenever you can - ideally ever 7 to 10 days.



**5 FEED YOUR GARDEN**  
If ready, your compost should be dry, brown, and crumbly.

# TIPS & TRICKS



- Cold compost = no maintenance, but slow decomposing process.
- Hot compost = more work, but yields fast results.
- Vermicompost = made with the help of red worms that feed on organic matter and release castings (high quality).
- The ratio between greens and browns varies with each compost. Overall, more browns than greens is ideal (e.g. 3:1).
- Smaller pieces of organic material leads to faster decomposition.
- Store food scraps in the freezer or back of the fridge to avoid foul odors and insects.
- Layering is key! Browns, greens, browns, greens, etc.
- From a tumbler to a three-pallet bin, choose the setup that is right for you!