



YOU CAN COMPOST AT HOME



DON'T TOSS IT IN THE TRASH.

Why send your food scraps to rot in the landfill when you can compost? Follow these simple steps to start composting at home.



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FOOD SCRAPS ARE GREENS DRY MATERIALS ARE BROWNS

Fruits
Vegetables
Grass clippings
House plants
Tea bags
Coffee grounds and filters

Straw
Dry grass
Dry leaves
Paper
Wood chips
Cardboard

PLUS YOU CAN COMPOST: Pet hair, Dryer lint, Wood ash, Eggshells

BUT NOT: Oil or Fat, Dairy products, Fish, Meat, Bones, Plastics, Metals

1. LAYER IT

- Half greens and half browns sets up a speedy and clean decomposition.

2. DECOMPOSE IT

- Keep your pile as moist as a wrung out sponge. Microbes need moisture!
- You can chop materials into small pieces to speed decomposition.
- Cover fresh layers of kitchen scraps with browns or soil to avoid smells or flies.
- Be patient!



2. USE IT

- Your compost is ready when it looks like dirt.
- Mix it in potting soil or seed starting mix.
- Spread it on your lawn or garden.
- Donate it to a school or community garden, or to a gardening friend.



TROUBLE?

Wet & smelly?

Add more browns

Not decomposing?

Make sure your compost is wet enough

Pests or flies?

Cover greens with soil or browns and place in the centre of pile

COMPOSTER OPTIONS

You can start with a simple pile, but consider a bin or rotary system to keep it tidy. The RDEK sells Earth Machine composters at transfer stations and their office.



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