

Year 3 Seasoned Sprouts



DIY Home Composting: Start Your Pile Today!



What is Compost?

Compost is an organic nutrient-rich mixture of decomposing materials. Compost is added to soil to help improve plant growth. Compost is known by gardeners as the “black gold.”

Materials: Browns and Greens

There are two important compost components: Browns and Greens. The difference between them is moisture level, as greens have more moisture than browns. The best compost mixture has half brown ingredients, and half green ingredients.



BROWNS (1/2)

- Fallen leaves
- Wood chips, clippings, twigs
- Cardboard
- Paper

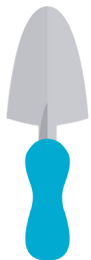
GREENS (1/2)

- Grass
- Vegetable scraps
- Fruit scraps
- Eggshells



Starting Your Pile At-Home

You don't need a huge space to start composting! Take an old storage bin or bucket and place it outside. This is important because compost needs air and rain. Poke some holes in the bin. Start by adding a layer of brown ingredients, and alternate between browns and greens. Mix in some soil to boost the pile!



Tips for Success

- Water from rain should be enough moisture, but be sure to occasionally water your compost pile in the hot summer months
 - The compost should always be moist, but not wet
- Turn the pile every other week so it is well-mixed
- When adding ingredients to the pile, add an equal amount of browns and greens