

Troubleshoot

X **TOO DRY**

Add less browns to your greens. Browns can be kept separate until needed

X **TOO WET and/or SMELLY**

Add more browns and mix. Make sure you have good drainage and air holes

X **NOT BREAKING DOWN**

Put bin in sheltered, sunny location. Break down or cut up browns and greens into smaller pieces before adding to the bin

X **ATTRACTING FLIES & WASPS**

Mix compost and add a layer of browns on top to cover sweet smelling greens

X **ATTRACTING CRITTERS**

Mix greens and browns, add a layer of browns on top, and cover the bin with a locking lid. Remove other attractants (garbage, debris) from your yard. Keep the compost bin in a sunny area, and stay active in your yard!



Learn More

⇒ **Visit** MUN Botanical Garden the first week of May for International Compost Awareness Week programs and activities

⇒ **Sign up** for a compost workshop or book a presentation for your organization

⇒ **Drop by** our Compost Demonstration Area for information and to get some ideas for your own yard

⇒ **Connect** with us online by visiting our website for compost information and workshop dates

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COMPOSTING MADE EASY!



Creating Our Garden Soil and
Promoting Composting Since 1971



Benefits of Compost

- Reduces organic waste in our landfills
- Retains water and nutrients in the soil
- Stretches the growing season
- Decreases the need for chemical fertilizers
- Provides free source of soil



Get Started

Composting yard and kitchen waste does not have to be expensive or inconvenient. By following a few simple steps, compost can be easily created on your property.

LOCATE: Your bin will work best in a sunny, sheltered, and accessible spot

GATHER: Kitchen scraps & yard waste

Build Your Compost

LAYER

GREENS Fresh, moist materials:

- kitchen scraps: fruit & vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells
- green plant cuttings, scraps, and grass



BROWNS

Dry, absorbent, and fibrous:

- dry leaves
- dry grass
- shredded paper
- torn up cardboard



AVOID

- animal products, chemicals, and invasive plants



MIX and WAIT



Use the Finished Soil

