Troubleshoot

- **TOO DRY**
  Add less browns to your greens. Browns can be kept separate until needed

- **TOO WET and/or SMELLY**
  Add more browns and mix. Make sure you have good drainage and air holes

- **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

- **ATTRACTING FLIES & WASPS**
  Mix compost and add a layer of browns on top to cover sweet smelling greens

- **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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**GATHER:** Kitchen scraps & yard waste

**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

**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**

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**Collect:** Kitchen scraps and yard waste.

**Spread:** Use the finished soil.