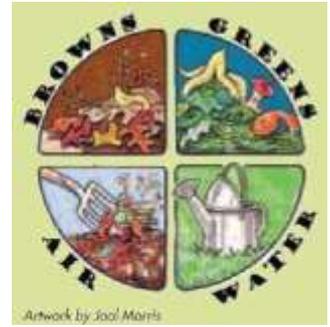


FOOD COMPOST INSTRUCTIONS



TO START: open-bottomed bin on dirt, make a pen, or use a tumbler, put dry layer on bottom.



1. GREEN/FRESH LAYER:

- ✿ Cut veggies & fruit into small chunks
- ✿ drain excess liquid
- ✿ no proteins or meats, avoid citrus and onion, egg shells are ok
- ✿ spread it out in a layer



2. BROWN/DEAD LAYER:

- ✿ add a layer of:
 - shredded paper
 - dried grass or leaves (not gum leaves)
 - or coffee grains



3. TOSS

- ✿ every week or 2 weeks, with fork (or toss pile completely)

4. KEEP ADDING LAYERS

- ✿ until bin is full
- ✿ leave it to decompose



4. SCRUB OUT BUCKET



5. LEAVE BUCKET TO DRY IN THE SUN

- ✿ to stop bucket from smelling

COMPOST NEEDS:

- ✓ moisture - give it water if it's dry, especially on edges
- ✓ air: toss it (every week to month)
- ✓ time: leave it to cook to make new soil
- ✓ to be covered (plastic to retain moisture)
- ✓ lime or dolomite or old coffee grains to help with bad rotting smells, sometimes

DO NOT:

- ✗ stand on it or push it down, as it needs air
- ✗ add wood chips, wood, gum leaves, couch-grass runners or soil
- ✗ add more material once you have finished your pile (make a new pile if you have new material)



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GRASS & MANURE COMPOST INSTRUCTIONS



TO START: make a pen or pile

1. WATER

- keep hose sprinkling on it as you layer it up

2. BROWN LAYER:

- first layer of horse manure (free from pony club) or cow manure about 3-4 inches

3. GREEN LAYER:

- place a layer of green, fresh grass or leaves (not gum leaves) about 2 inches thick

4. LAYER UP PILE

- place another layer of manure, 2 inches thick, then grass, 2 inches
- keep layering until it's a big pile
- finish off with manure on top

5. COVER pile with plastic

- DO NOT ADD any more to mix until it has turned to soil (3-6 months, depending on how often you toss it)

COMPOST NEEDS:

- ✓ moisture: sprinkle water if it's dry, especially on edges
- ✓ air: toss it (every week to month)
- ✓ time: leave it to cook to make new soil
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