

Your Guide to Start Composting

Step 1

Select a dry, shady spot near a water source

Ideal size for a composting bin is 3 ft wide x 3 ft deep x 3ft tall. You can buy or build your bin. Make sure it is open on the bottom.



Step 2

Alternate brown and green material at a ratio of 3:1

Place 3 layers of brown material then top with 1 layer of brown material. Make sure your materials are chopped into small pieces.



Step 3

Water as needed

Keep the materials moist but not wet. Add more browns to dry it and greens to wet it as needed.



Step 4

Turn Your Pile Frequently

Turn your pile once a week at a minimum in the summer and every other week in the winter.



Step 5

Allow the pile to heat up

Allowing the pile to get hot is what allows the matter to be decomposed properly.



Step 6

Use Your Compost!

Place your finished compost in your garden beds, around your trees and use as mulch.

