

What Can I Compost?

BACKYARD COMPOST

What You CAN Compost

- Browns:
 - Autumn Leaves
 - Straw
 - Woodchips
 - Sawdust (from untreated wood)
 - Twigs
 - Shredded Paper
- Greens:
 - Fruits and Vegetable scraps, cooked (if cooked with no fats or meat/fish/dairy) or uncooked (remove stickers, bands and ties)
 - Bread and Pasta (if cooked with no fats or meat/fish/dairy)
 - Rice and Grains (if cooked with no fats or meat/fish/dairy)
 - Eggshells
 - Nuts and Seeds (shells ok)
 - Leftover and Spoiled Food
 - Coffee Grounds (paper filters ok)
 - Cut Flowers
 - Tea Bags and Leaves
 - Houseplants
 - Fresh leaves
 - Prunings
 - Grass Clippings (if not chemically treated)
 - Cardboard (with no ink or tape and cut into small pieces)
 - Cotton and Wool Rags
 - Dryer and vacuum cleaner lint
 - Hair and fur
 - Fireplace ashes

What You CAN'T Compost

- Meat and Poultry of any kind (including bones)
- Fish or Shellfish
- Fat, Oil, and Butters
- Dairy
- Any compostable or biodegradable products (serve ware, cups, plates, wipes etc)
- Diseased or Insect Ridden Plants or Plant Trimmings
- Anything that has been treated with pesticides
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues, and toilet paper
- Black walnut tree leaves or twigs
- Coal or charcoal ash
- Pet wastes (e.g., dog or cat feces, soiled cat litter)

