

What Can I Compost in my Backyard Bin?

You can compost more than just leaves and veggie scraps in your backyard! Some larger things you may want to cut up or shred so they break down faster, like watermelon rinds or corn cobs. You also want to be aware of keeping your pile balanced with both wet and dry materials (Just like it sounds...if it feels wet when you touch it, it's a "wet material." If it feels dry in your hand, it's a "dry material.")

Kitchen Waste

- Fruit scraps, peels or rotted
- Vegetable scraps, peels or rotted
- Tea bags/loose tea
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Mushrooms
- Beans/legumes
- Melon rinds
- Corn cobs
- Seeds/pits
- Breads
- Baked Goods
- Flour
- Cooked grains (rice, pasta, oatmeal)
- Herbs and spices
- Brewery wastes
- Egg shells
- Leftovers – as long as not too oily or salty

Household Waste

- Paper towels and rolls
- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper napkins
- Egg cartons
- Cupcake wrappers (paper)
- Tissues
- Dryer lint
- Nail clippings
- Wool
- Wine corks (real cork)
- Hair (human and pet)
- Feathers
- Q-tips (cardboard sticks)
- Dead insects
- Tiny, tiny paper scraps
- Soiled or wet paper & cardboard

Yard Waste

- Grass and plant clippings
- Dead plants
- Flowers
- Peat moss
- Pine needles and cones
- Sod
- Leaves
- Bark
- Garden soil
- Old potting mix/soil
- Woodchips
- Straw
- Cornstalks
- Nettles

Do NOT Compost

- Meat or bones
- Grease/fat/oil
- Dairy products
- Used kitty litter
- Cat or dog feces
- Human feces
- Colored paper or newsprint
- Refrigerated and Frozen food boxes
- Plywood
- Particle board
- Treated wood
- Non-organics (glass, plastic, metal)
- Treated sawdust
- Diseased plants
- Fireplace Ash




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