

# Compost Bin / Backyard Composter

Composting turns organic waste into a beneficial resource that can be added to soil to enrich landscape.

## Compost Ingredients

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| ■ Vegetable trimmings          | ■ Fresh hay          | ■ Dried leaves |
| ■ Fruit scraps                 | ■ Newspaper          | ■ Wood chips   |
| ■ Grass clippings              | ■ Paper towels       | ■ Straw        |
| ■ Chopped cornstalks           | ■ Shredded cardboard | ■ Sawdust      |
| ■ Manure: horse, cow & chicken |                      |                |

No dog or cat feces, meat, bones, or fatty foods  
(cheese, salad dressing, cooking oil, etc.)

Fatty foods will attract pests and slow down the compost process.

## Helpful Hints...

Chopping garden waste into small pieces will speed up the composting process. If the composting pile develops a bad odor, it may be too wet. Turn and mix the pile. This will add air and should correct the condition. The temperature of the pile may rise to about 120° F in four to five days. The cooling of the pile is a signal to turn the material. Compost is ready when the pile no longer heats up and the original material has turned into a rich, dark-brown color and has a crumbly, soil-like texture.

