

EASY BACKYARD COMPOST BIN

HOW TO MAINTAIN

1. Add a thin layer of compost and mulch to the bottom of your bin to get it started with nutrients.
2. Add brown and green matter in alternating layers. Try to keep a ratio of at least 2:1 brown matter: green matter. You may need more brown matter depending on the moistness of your compost. The ideal consistency is the moistness of a wrung out sponge.
3. If your bin is sitting in direct sun, you may need to sprinkle with water occasionally to add moisture.
4. Secure the lid with bungee cords.
5. Once a week or so, lay your compost bin on its side and roll around your yard to aerate and mix your brown and green matter.
6. If your bin is located on top of concrete, set bin on top of blocks or bricks so that it gets good air circulation and drainage. If located on grass, sitting your bin directly on grass will allow earthworms and other insects to enter and help decompose your scraps if desired.
7. Once your bin has reached full capacity, allow it to fully decompose.
8. Use compost in your garden for happy and healthy plants and start the process over again!



WHAT TO INCLUDE

brown matter:

dried leaves, hay, sawdust of non treated lumber, shredded non glossy paper, paper coffee filters, egg cartons, brown paper towels and napkins, brown paper grocery bags

green matter:

fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, fresh grass clippings

WHAT TO AVOID

meat, dairy, bones, oils, waxed paper (cartons), bleached paper (paper towels)