

6 Steps to COMPOST

1

Pick Your Bin

There's a perfect bin for every household, not one perfect bin. Ask a Master Composter to help you choose.



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Site Your Bin

The **best place** for a compost bin is where you **will remember to use it!**

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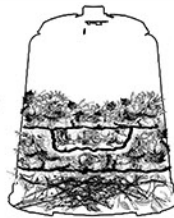
Collect Browns!



The primary reason compost gets slimy or is unsuccessful is **lack of browns** (carbon). Collect enough **leaves** in the fall (straw or shredded newspaper work too) to layer **3 to 1** over all food scraps.

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LASAGNA LAYER



A. Start with **sticks** at the base for air.
B. Add a bowl-shaped layer of **browns**.
C. Add **food scraps** to the bowl.
D. **Cover** the scraps with 1"-2" of browns in a bowl shape. Repeat C-D.

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Turn

Strictly optional! Turning does speed up the process so you will have more finished compost faster. If you're not concerned with speed, let it sit, it will rot just fine without your attention as long as you used the lasagna layering technique.

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Harvest & Use

When the stuff at the bottom of the bin **looks and smells like rich crumbly earth**, not recognizable food, it's time to use it in your garden or on your houseplants.

