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.

② Site Your Bin
The best place for a compost bin is where you will remember to use it!

③ 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.

④ 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.

⑤ 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.

⑥ 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.