

RAINSCAPE IT!



COMPOST Make Your Own

1. Mix 1 part greens to 4 parts browns, by volume, to get the compost pile (or compost bin) to start “cooking.” Materials can be added to the top of the pile year round.

2. Air and moisture are important to the passive composting process. Browns should be on the bulky side, to promote air flow. Strive for 2” to 3” pieces when adding to the compost pile. All material, when mixed, should have the “feel” of a wrung out sponge.

3. Finished compost settles to the bottom of compost pile or bin. Harvest each spring for mulching, amending and topdressing.

GREENS (nitrogen)

Grass clippings, fruit and vegetable peelings, cores, rinds and scraps, coffee filters and grounds, tea bags, and pet hair.

BROWNS (carbon)

Leaves, shredded newspaper, egg shells, sticks, wood chips, cardboard, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, and dryer lint.

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