

# 3-Part Compost Bin

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The 3-part compost bin helps compost food



scraps, grass clippings, fall leaves into highly nutritious compost which can be used to fertilize the garden.

## What to Compost

Greens and browns ratio - 1(Greens):3(Browns)

Greens	Browns
Vegetable and fruit scraps	Dry leaves especially in fall
Garden waste, grass clippings	napkins, paper
Tea/Coffee bags	Twigs, woodchips

## What Not to Compost

Meat

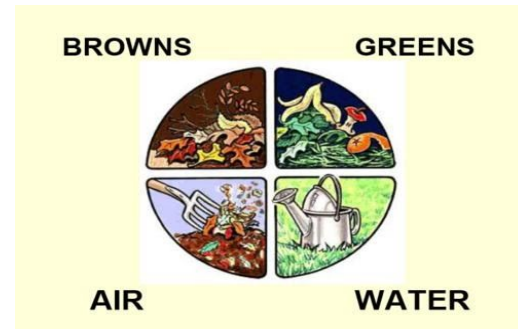
Fish

Eggs

Dairy products

Oil/Greasy foods

Bones



## Getting Started

- Add greens(food scraps/grass clippings) and browns to the first bin.

**Ratio -1(greens):3(browns)  
(Preferred)**

- Compost bin is designed to get plenty of **air** circulation

## Maintenance

- To keep moisture levels add some **water** occasionally during dry months. If compost is too dry it will take longer to compost.If it's too wet the excess water drains out.
- The worms and microorganisms in compost will do their job for few

months and compost will be ready after that

- **Turning the pile weekly once** can speed up the compost process



further. This ready-to-use humus is nutrient rich environment friendly fertilizer for your plants and garden.

### Troubleshooting

**Soggy Compost:** Usually caused by too much moisture. Aerate the pile and add more browns.

**Smelly Compost:** When there is not enough browns it can lead to smelly compost. Add more browns and mix the pile for aeration.

Large items take longer to decompose than smaller items like a vegetable scrap or fruit peel.

- When the first bin is full, move the contents to bin number two and begin loading the bin number one with a fresh set of greens and browns.
- When the first bin is full again, move the contents of the second bin to the third bin and move the contents of the first bin to the second bin.
- Keep the bin aerated by **stirring once a week and maintain the moisture level.**
- Compost is considered “finished” (also called humus) when we are left with the semblance of a rich black organic soil where our individual contributions are. No longer distinguishable or decomposable