



RECIPE FOR EARTH-FRIENDLY COMPOST



*One part green and two parts brown,
Makes the compost turn to ground.
Add some water and some soil,
Turning is the only toil!*

STEPS:

- 1. Assemble yard wastes and clippings.**
Mow your leaves; cut yard clippings into small pieces.
- 2. Start with a layer of organic materials such as shredded leaves and grass clippings.**
- 3. Water the layer until it is as moist as a wrung-out sponge.**
- 4. Add a 2 – 3 inch layer of garden soil or compost – mix.**
- 5. Continue layering, watering and mixing as you go.**
- 6. Every 2 – 3 weeks, mix the compost material to add air for microorganisms.**
- 7. Check to make sure that the composting mixture is moist.**
- 8. In 5 – 6 months, harvest the finished compost!**



INGREDIENTS FOR COMPOSTING

YES		NO	
Grass clippings	Coffee grounds and filters	Dairy products	Weeds with seeds
Leaves (shredded if possible)	Sawdust (in small amounts)	Oils and fats	Soiled paper
Soil and compost	Clean, ground egg shells	Diseased plants	Black walnut leaves
Garden wastes; old flowers	Wood ash from fireplace	Cooked food	Charcoal and ashes
Pine needles	Hair	Bread	Treated wood
Fruit & vegetable peelings	Clean, ground egg shells	Pet manure; cat litter	
Straw	Old fertilizer; potting soil	Meat, fish, bones	
Young weeds (no seeds)			

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