

# Basic Home Composting Recipe

## 2-3 Parts Carbon - "Brown" materials

- Woody, dry materials: sawdust or wood shavings, leaves, soiled paper, shredded paper, straw, livestock/animal bedding (chicken, hamster, rabbit, horse, etc.)

## 1 Part Nitrogen - "Green" materials

- Green, wet materials: food scraps, grass clippings, garden trimmings (no weeds), manures (no cat or dog)

➤ Combine organic materials in proper ratios

## Keep it small!

- Mowing, grinding, chipping, or shredding

## Contain it!

- Minimum of 3 x 3 x 3
- Bin or pile

## A little soil or finished compost

## Moisture

- Just a little, like a damp sponge
- Leave lid or cover off during rain
- Required to keep compost microorganisms alive & active

## Air/Aeration

- Turn or aerate materials
- Or, place materials on perforated pipes



### TIP!

Fill the compost bin or pile half-way or more with leaves (or straw), wet them down uniformly (like a damp sponge). Dig down into the pile and put your food scraps in the hole, cover with a thin layer of wood shavings or chicken manure/bedding. Repeat until full.

### Other Needs

- Shovel or Pitch Fork
  - ✓ Or, bobcat/tractor
- Covered area or bin for storage of leaves/carbon sources
- Thermometer
  - ✓ For hot composting