

COMPOSTING

*Reduce Waste and
Naturally Nourish Your Garden*



City of Rye Sustainability Committee

Benefits

- Reduce the amount of garbage you generate by as much as 50%. This means less tax dollars spent on collection and disposal.
- Compost is a nutrient rich “super soil” which can naturally fertilize your garden, lawn, trees, shrubs and houseplants.



How To Compost

- Keep a pail or compost collector in the kitchen to collect your scraps.
- When it fills, empty it into the composter. Stir the newly added materials into the old.
- It's that simple!



What To Compost

Kitchen Greens

Fruit Scraps,
Vegetable Scraps
Houseplant cuttings,
Coffee Grounds
Rice, Pasta, Egg
Shells, Tea Bags

Kitchen Browns

Coffee Filters,
Stale Bread, Paper
Napkins & Towels,
Dryer Lint, Hair

Yard Greens

Flowers, Vegetables,
Plant Trimmings,
Hedge Clippings,
Grass (small
amounts)

Yard Browns

Leaves, Straw or
Hay, Small
Twigs/Chips, Dried
Grass

3 parts Brown

Items that have a
high content of
carbon or
carbohydrates

Leaves, Branches,
Twigs, Sawdust,
Paper, Etc...



1 part Green

Items that have a high
content of nitrogen or
protein

Grass clippings,
Flowers, Egg shells,
Coffee grounds,
Manure, Vegetables &
peelings, Etc...

What NOT To Compost

- Meat, fish or bones
- Dairy products
- Oils or fats
- Sauces
- Ashes
- Pet waste
- Diseased plants
- Weeds



Locating Your Composter

- The most important factor in locating a composter is **CONVENIENCE**. You will be adding material several times a week so set it up as close to your kitchen as possible.



Using Compost

Compost is a nutrient-rich soil amendment, created by the natural decomposition of kitchen and yard waste.

In Your Garden - Spread compost in your vegetable garden or flower beds and work it into the soil

On Your Lawn - Top-dress your lawn with compost.

Around Trees and Shrubs - Spread compost around the base of trees or shrubs to naturally nourish them.



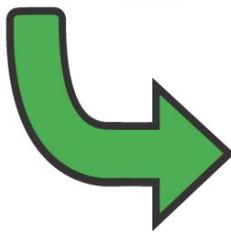
FAQs

- 1. Will my compost smell?** Properly running composters do not give off any unpleasant odors.
- 2. How long before I get compost?** Most people can harvest finished compost every 6 months or so. It “cooks” more quickly in the summer.
- 3. What can I do to get rid of fruit flies?** If these bother you, add leaves or a thin layer of soil to your composter.
- 4. Will my composter attract rodents?** This is unlikely if you avoid putting in food scraps from meat, dairy, oil or fat.





From Garbage to Garden



It's Compost Time!