



COMPOSTING INFORMATION

Here is a list of compost acceptable and non acceptable products. It is important to know exactly what you can and can not compost, so that your compost pile remains healthy and ready for use in the garden!

WHAT IS COMPOSTABLE?

ACCEPTABLE FOOD	ACCEPTABLE OTHER	NON ACCEPTABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apples - Artichoke Leaves - Asparagus Bottoms - Banana Peels - Beet Tops - Assorted Berries - Bread and Grain - Broccoli Stalks - Buckwheat Hulls - Cabbage Stalks - Carrot Tops - Celery Tops - Citrus Rinds - Egg Shells - Tea Leaves & Bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Algae (Pond Weeds) - Apple Pomace - Bird Cage Cleanings - Bone & Blood Meal - Cotton Rags - Garden Wastes - Granite Dust - Leather Waste - Leaf Mould - Composted Manure - Peanut Hulls - Peat Moss - Pine Needles - Rope - Wood Ash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Butter - Bones - Cheese - Chicken - Fish Scraps - Lard - Mayonnaise - Meat Scraps - Milk - Peanut Butter - Salad Dressing - Sour Cream - Vegetable Oil - Yogurt - Diseased Plants

The benefits of composting vary in terms of who or what is reaping the rewards.

The table below shows the major benefits of back yard composting, and why it is important to compost!

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

Conservation of Landfill Space

It costs \$2,000,000 to open, operate and close a hectare of landfill space. Finding new landfill is becoming extremely difficult and existing ones are filling up fast. Composting not only saves money today but also reduces the costs we pay to maintain landfills after they are closed.

Money Saved on Collecting Garbage

Many municipalities must transport their waste to distant disposal facilities. This is costly so many areas have implemented a user pay system, where you must pay for the amount of garbage you produce. By composting, an individual can save money by reducing the number of tags purchased.

Composting provides an Excellent Soil Conditioner

Produced free of charge, compost serves as an environmentally sound alternative to commercial fertilizers.

People Involved in Helping the Earth

Individuals can actively participate in making positive changes to their lifestyle and environment.