

What to compost

Greens:

Veggie trimmings, fruit peels, plant trimmings from the garden, coffee grounds, tea bags, human/pet hair, fresh grass clippings

Browns:

Leaves, dried grass clippings, shredded newspaper, corn stalks, straw, shredded cardboard

Other acceptable material:

Clean eggshells, fireplace ashes

Unacceptable in Bear Country:

Meat scraps, fish scraps, bones, fats, cooked foods, grains, dairy, kitty litter/dog feces



Benefits of backyard composting:

- Reduces household waste by up to 40%
- Saves space in the landfill
- Reduces landfill-generated methane gas
- Recycles nutrients back into the earth
- Produces great garden fertilizer!

For more information:

Composting in Bear Country



Tips for Bear Country Composts...

Compost doesn't have to be a bear attractant!

By following a few simple steps, you can reduce compost odours, speed up decomposition and ensure bears are not attracted to your compost. These measures will help keep your compost 'healthy' and reduce other wildlife issues (ie: skunks, raccoons, rodents) as well!



#1 Go BIG on Browns

- The key to a healthy compost is ensuring equal amounts of 'greens' (kitchen scraps) and 'browns' (dried grasses/leaves, shredded newspaper)
- Every time you add a load of greens, top with a layer of brown materials no more than 10 cm thick (see 'What to Compost' on reverse)

#2 Add Oxygen

- Keep your compost aerated by mixing things up with your shovel handle once every week

#3 Play it safe

- Never add meats, fish, bones, fats, dairy or cooked foods!
- When faced with large quantities of fruit, incorporate it slowly (try storing fruit trimmings in the freezer and adding it to the compost bit by bit)

#4 Be unattractive

- Keep your property free of other wildlife attractants to avoid attracting bears to your yard (garbage, unpicked fruit, birdfeeders, smelly BBQs)