Organic Waste Options -or-

Home Composting 101:
Turning that cold pile of goo into something to use in your garden soils



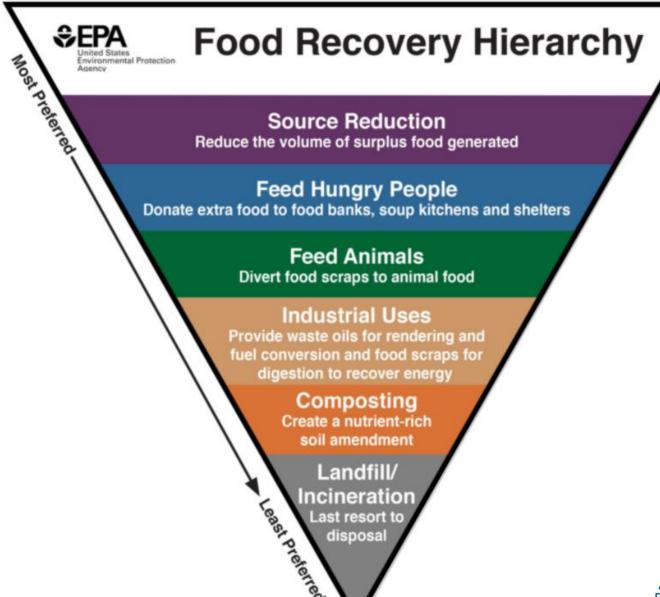
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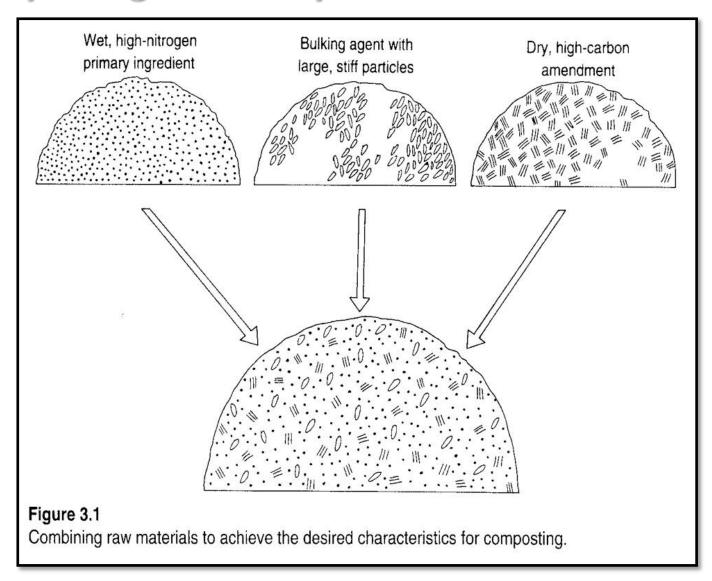




Composting is part of the story. . .



General Composting: The Components





Rynk, R., et al. 1992. On-Farm composting handbook. Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service #54 Cornell Cooperative Extension. p14. Ithaca, New York.

General Composting: Some Examples

Brown carbon-rich

- dry leaves
- straw and hay
- shrub prunings
- pine needles/cones
- chopped twigs/branches
- wood ash
- newspaper
- shredded paper (avoid glossy paper)
- cardboard (shredded)
- corn cobs, stalks
- dryer lint (from natural fibers)
- sawdust (from untreated wood)
- eggshells
- brown paper bags (shredded)

Green nitrogen-rich

- · table scraps
- fruit scraps
- vegetable scraps
- · fresh grass clippings
- lawn and garden weeds
 (if they have not gone to seed)
- flowers
- seaweed and kelp
- chicken manure
- · coffee grounds/filters
- tea leaves (loose or in bags)
- corn cobs, stalks
- hedge clippings
- garden waste
- fresh leaves

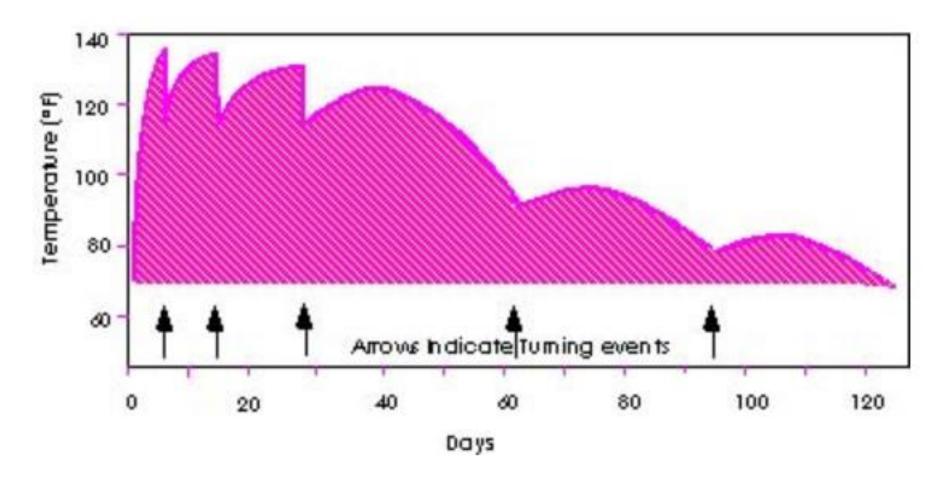
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Water

Oxygen



General Composting: Temperature and Turning the Pile





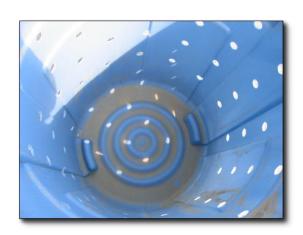
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Call To Action

- Find out about Muni compost
- Support a friend's compost
- Learn more and start your own compost pile





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