

Organic Waste Options

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



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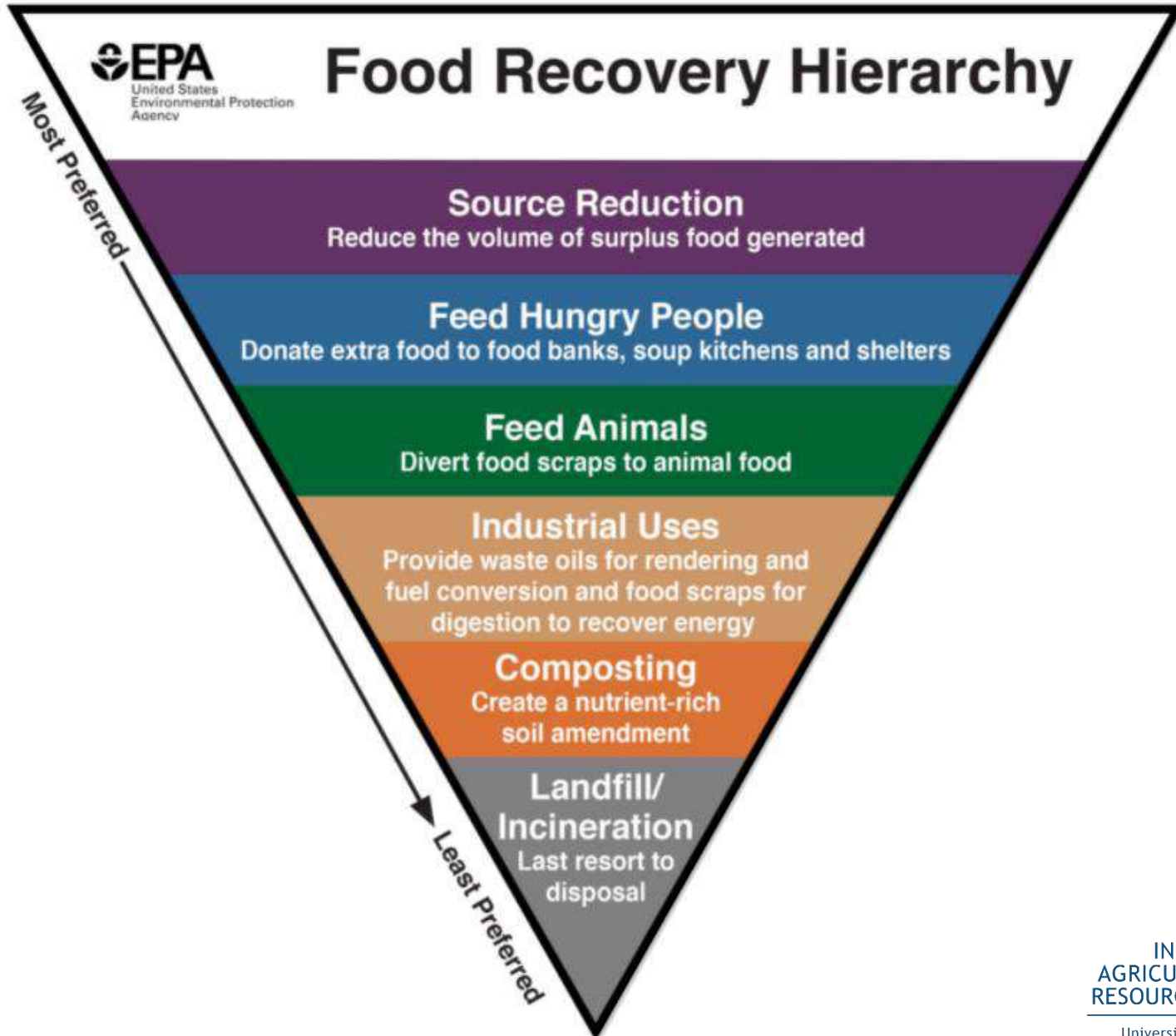
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Composting is part of the story. . .



General Composting: The Components

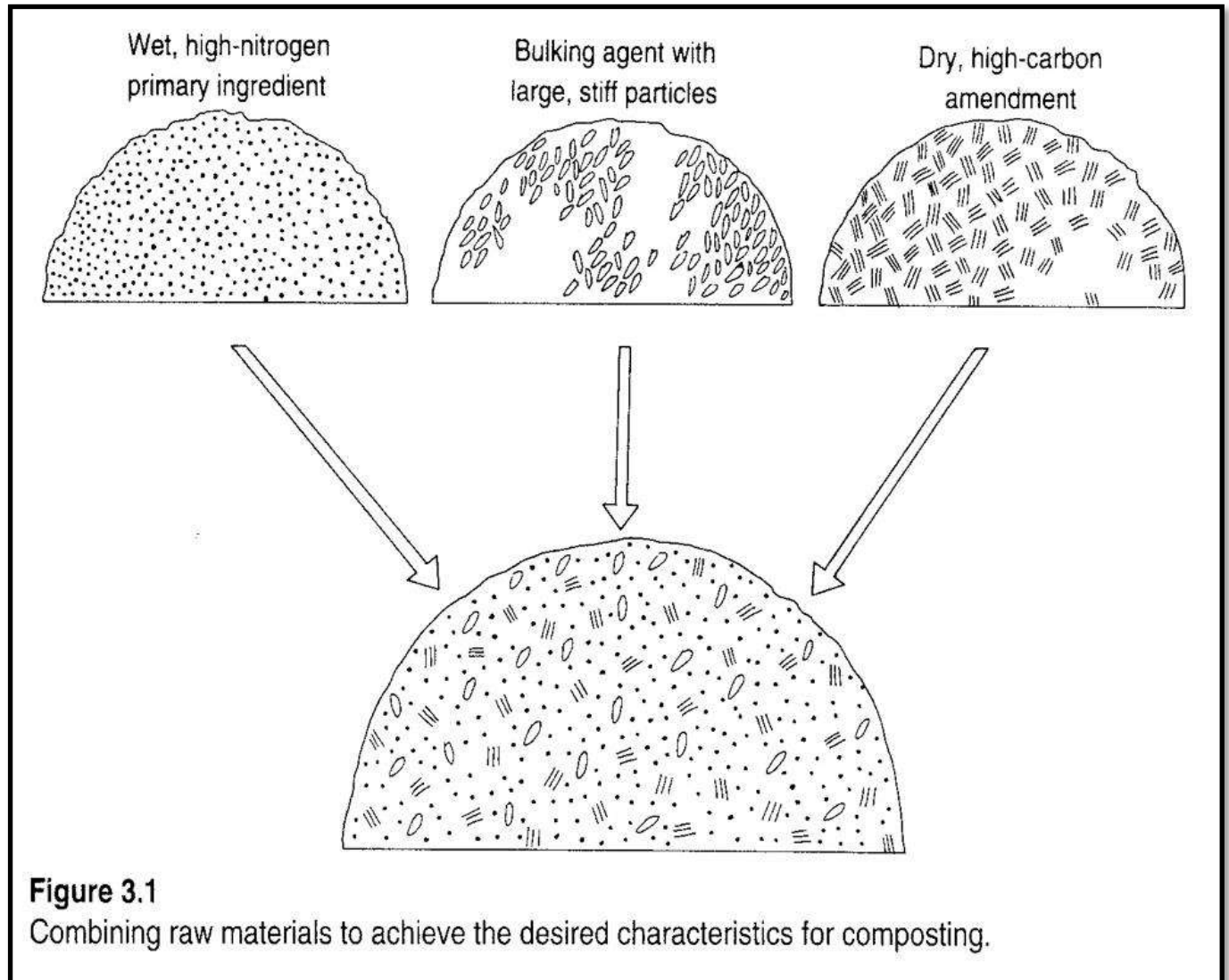


Figure 3.1

Combining raw materials to achieve the desired characteristics for composting.

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

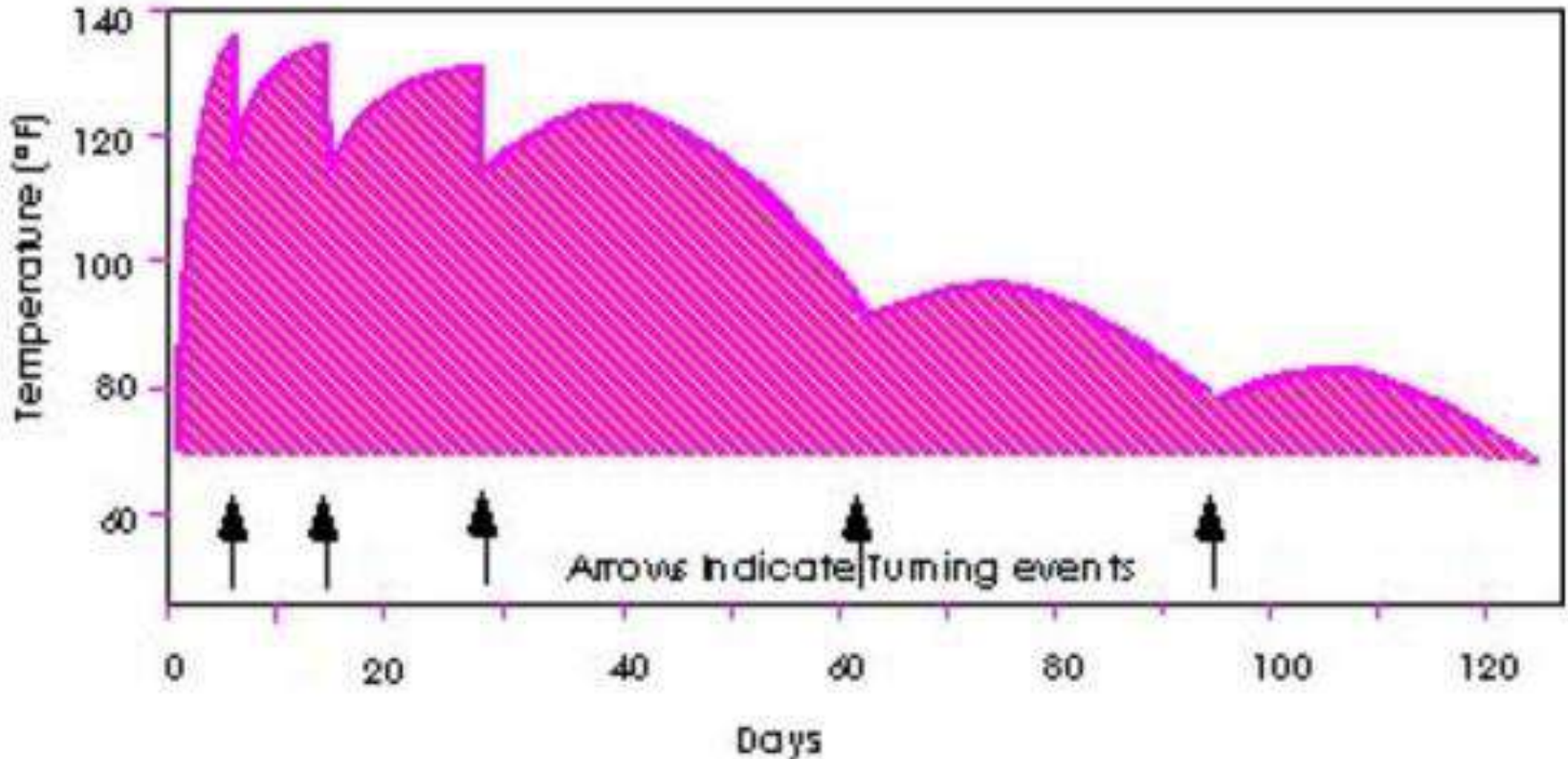
- table scraps
- fruit scraps
- vegetable scraps
- fresh grass clippings
- lawn and garden weeds (if they have not gone to seed)
- flowers
- seaweed and kelp
- chicken manure
- coffee grounds/filters
- tea leaves (loose or in bags)
- corn cobs, stalks
- hedge clippings
- garden waste
- fresh leaves

... and don't forget

• **Water**

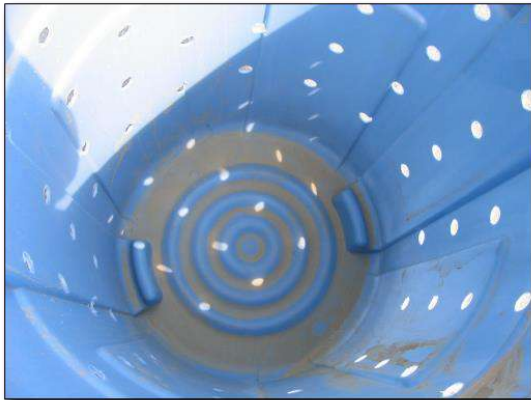
• **Oxygen**

General Composting: Temperature and Turning the Pile



Call To Action

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



Thank you!

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