

# COMPOSTING

## COMPOSTING FACTS

**Composting** is a natural form of recycling that turns certain waste into organic material that can be used in a variety of ways.

### It's Easy to Do! Here's what You'll Need:

A box or bin

Existing compost or soil (to get started)

Brown materials (rich in carbon)

Green materials (rich in nitrogen)

Water

Aeration and drainage

**38 million tons of food waste was generated in 2014**

**5.1% of food waste was composted**

**20% of discarded waste is food waste**

### Benefits

- Reduces the waste that goes into landfills
- Reduces methane emissions
- Acts as a natural fertilizer, weed killer, and soil nourishment agent
- Reduces the need to purchase lawn and garden fertilizer or weed killer
- Reduces collection fees for landscape waste

## WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED?

Where can I Compost?



Indoors



Outdoors

Choose a dry, shaded, or partially shaded area near a water source



Nuts and Seeds



Paper



Leaves and Yard Trimmings



Fruits and Vegetables



Coffee Grounds  
Tea Bags and Leaves



Saw Dust Shavings