

Community Garden Composting Guidelines 2020

Administered by the Bloomfield Township Community Garden Committee



Garden Compost Prep:

1. Remove vegetable and fruit stickers from kitchen scraps (not biodegradable)
2. Accumulate vegetable and fruit kitchen scraps in an old coffee can or a container with a lid and bring to the garden. Option: freeze your compost or keep it in a closed bucket mixed with leaves (from a pesticide free-lawn) in your garage until you make your weekly garden visit.
3. Compostable kitchen scraps need to be cut in small pieces. The smaller the piece, the faster material composts 😊
4. Throw in double the amount of dry leaves in with the compostable material (*no branches/twigs*)
5. Mix compost and leaves with pitchfork or aerator tool.
6. Do not put weeds in the compost. Instead place weeds in brown paper lawn bags for township pickup.
7. If composters are full, please check the bottom to remove ready compost for your garden bed and potters.

Partial List of Compostable Kitchen Waste:

fruits, vegetables, coffee grinds, coffee filters, dried egg shells.

DO NOT COMPOST: oil, meat, bones or fish scraps, perennial weeds, diseased plants, and any kind of plastic including plastic bags. For our purposes please do not add compostable bags to compost. They take too long to breakdown.



WHY COMPOST?



**Saves money, saves resources,
improves your soil and
reduces your impact on the
environment!**

HOW TO COMPOST

Add 3 handfuls of browns/leaves



to every one handful of greens/chopped kitchen scraps



Turn the pile of compost in each bin with a shovel or pitchfork every 1 to 2 weeks.

Make sure kitchen scraps are covered by leaves.

Only add water if pile is very dry after mixing.
Shovel fresh soil out from bottom of compost bins into buckets for use.



Browns = Carbon **Greens = Nitrogen**

YES TO THESE GREENS:

**CHOPPED Fruit and
vegetable: peels,
cores, dried/rinsed egg
shells,**

Ground coffee

Plant trimmings



NO - DO NOT ADD ANY OF
THESE:



**BONES, MEAT,
SEAFOOD, DAIRY PRODUCTS,
FATS, COOKING OILS, GREASE,
PET WASTE, COAL,
WEEDS, DISEASED PLANTS
WALNUTS, CHARCOAL,
FRUIT STICKERS, BREADS, RICE,
PASTA, PLASTICS,
BIODEGRADABLE BAGS**