

This summer, start Backyard Composting!

Step 1

Pick a spot in your
yard



It should be about 6-9 ft long x 3 ft wide, receive ample sunlight, have good drainage, and be accessible

Step 2

Make or buy bins

Ideally, you want 2-3 open-bottom bins. They can be made at home or bought at a gardening store



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videos on how
you can build
bins at home



Step 3

Layer and water your compost pile

Alternate layers of brown materials (dry leaves, paper, straw, etc.) and green materials (vegetable and fruit scraps, grass clippings, eggshells, etc.) in a 2:1 ratio. Water until moist, not wet, only as needed. Check on it every 4-7 days to make sure the pile hasn't grown too dry. The right amount of moisture and a balance of brown and green materials fuel decomposition

Step 4

Turn your compost
pile

When monitoring dryness in Step 3, check 6 inches deep into the pile. If it is warm, let it sit.

If it is cool, use a shovel or pitchfork to turn the contents of the pile

By beginning to compost, you will reduce the amount of harmful methane released into the atmosphere by organic matter in landfills as well as produce soil for your garden

