



WHY COMPOST

- ♻️ Compost returns nutrients and minerals to the soil and improves soil aeration, texture and drainage.
- ♻️ When mulched, compost controls weeds and erosion, protects plant roots, saves water and prevents soil diseases.
- ♻️ Composting has been naturally occurring forever, replenishing the earth.

QUESTIONS ON COMPOSTING

- ♻️ How to begin – You will need a kitchen, food scrap, some leaves, wood chips, time and moisture.
- ♻️ Cost to compost – Like anything, it depends on you. You can purchase fancy tumblers, but a bin, barrel or area for a pile will also work.
- ♻️ Does it smell – Yes, it will smell “earthy.” If you get a foul odor, it just needs a little more air so punch some holes in the compost.
- ♻️ Work – The process will take care of itself, or you can choose to speed up the process by constantly turning your compost.
- ♻️ How long – During the summer 4-6 weeks, winter much slower depending on how cold your climate is.
- ♻️ Will it attract pests – Not as long as you keep food scraps covered with leaves and other non-food items. The inside of the pile will exceed 150 degrees, which is too warm for any other pests.

WHAT CAN I COMPOST

- ♻️ Blend a mix of green and brown materials. Preferably 2 parts green to 1-part brown.
- ♻️ Green materials include green grass, fruit scraps, vegetable waste, coffee grounds, bread, etc.
- ♻️ Brown materials include dried materials such as dried grass and leaves, paper products, straw, hay, wood chips and sawdust.
- ♻️ DON'T compost fatty foods, meats, milk products, fish, bones or dog/cat manure.

