

WHAT IS

COMPOSTING?

Composting is the controlled decomposition of **organic materials**. It is an aerobic (oxygen-requiring) process mediated by organisms, especially microorganisms.

BROWNS

Material that is high in **carbon** (dry leaves, twigs, cardboard, wood chips, straw, shredded newspaper)

GREENS

Material that is high in **nitrogen** (food and vegetable scraps, garden clippings, coffee grounds)

Recipe for compost



~ Air
~ Water
~ Brown material
~ Green material

WATER

Microbes rely on a **thin layer of water around each particle** in a compost pile to be able to live and move around

AIR

The **composting process requires oxygen**. The material gets broken down by microbes that need oxygen to breathe

Compost is a dark, crumbly, earthy, living soil amendment.

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