

<u>Material:</u>	<u>Good for Composting?:</u>	<u>Carbon/Nitrogen:</u>
<i>100% Cotton Clothing</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Banana Peels</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Bark</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Black Walnut Leaves</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Bones</i>	MAYBE	Nitrogen
<i>Bread</i>	MAYBE	Nitrogen
<i>Cardboard</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Cat Litter</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Coal "BBQ" Ash</i>	NO!	Carbon
<i>Coffee Grounds</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Corn Cobs & Stalks</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Crab Shells</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Dead Bugs</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Diapers</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Dirt from Shoes</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Diseased Plants</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Dryer Lint</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Dust</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Eggshells</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Excelsior</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Farm Animal Manure</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Feathers</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Flower Cuttings</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Fruit & Veggie Scraps</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Garden Plants</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Grass Clippings</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Green Comfrey Leaves</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Hair</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Human Manure</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Latex</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Leather</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Leaves</i>	Yes!	Both, Depending
<i>Lemon & Lime</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Meat</i>	MAYBE	Nitrogen
<i>Medicine</i>	NO!	Carbon
<i>Melted Ice Cream</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Mud</i>	Yes!	Both
<i>Nail Clippings</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Newspaper</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Nuts</i>	MAYBE	Nitrogen
<i>Oil</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Old Spices</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Old Veggies & Fruits</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen

<i>Orange Rinds</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Pasta</i>	MAYBE	Nitrogen
<i>Peanut Butter</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Peat Moss</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Pencil Shavings</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Pet Fur</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Pet Manure</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Pine Needles</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Plastic</i>	NO!	Carbon
<i>Popcorn</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Sawdust</i>	NO!	Carbon
<i>Seaweed & Kelp</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Shredded Paper</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Shrub Prunings</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Small Rocks & Gravel</i>	NO!	Neither
<i>Soil</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Spoiled Canned Foods</i>	MAYBE	Both
<i>Sticky Notes</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Straw or Hay</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Subscriptions from Magazines</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Synthetic Fibers</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Table Scraps</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Tea Leaves</i>	Yes!	Nitrogen
<i>Urine</i>	Yes!	Both
<i>Used Matches</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Vacuum Cleanings</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Wedding Bouquet</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Weeds</i>	NO!	Nitrogen
<i>Wine</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Wood Ash</i>	Yes!	Carbon
<i>Wood Chips</i>	Yes!	Carbon

Extra Information:

Best When Ripped Into Pieces, Avoid Colored Ink Where Possible

May Contain Pesticide Residue That Will Prevent Decomposition

Thinly Layer; Avoid Matting

Contains Toxins Which Can Kill Plants

Good for Compost but Attracts Insects & Animals to Compost Pile

Slow to Decompose, Can Become Slimy

Shred Material to Avoid Matting

Can Cause Health Risks

Only Use Ash from Clean Materials

Coffee Grounds & Filters are Great for Composting

Best When Chopped

Best When Crushed

Fast Decomposition

Can Cause Health Risks

Avoid Using too Much

Will Spread Disease Through Compost When Spread Onto New Plants

Best if Derived From Natural Fibers

Take Your Sweepings & Throw 'Em in the Pile!

Best When Crushed

Fast Decomposition

Compost 'Activator'

Fast Decomposer

Chop Up Any Lengthly Wood Stems For Best Results

Add w/ Dry Carbon Items

Disease-Free Plants ONLY

Add In Thin Layers So They Don't Mat Into Clumps

Compost 'Activator'

Thinly Layer; Avoid Clumping

Can Carry Disease & Only Be Used Safely Under Very Specific Conditions

Slow Decomposer

Best When Ripped Into Pieces, Slow Decomposer

Leaves Break Down Faster When Shredded

Acidic, Do Not Over-Use

Good for Compost but Attracts Insects & Animals to Compost Pile

May Contain Chemical Residue That Prevents Decomposition

Compost 'Activator'

Compost 'Activator'

Probably a Better Idea Than Chewing Them

Avoid Using Glossy, Weatherproof or Tough Paper & Colored Inks

Very Slow to Decompose, Can Hold Up Rotting Down Process (If Used, Crush & Sprinkle Lightly)

Inability to Break Down; Can Cause Health Risks

Fast Decomposition

Nitrogen Rich, Fast Decomposition

May Contain Pesticide Residue That Will Prevent Decomposition
Slow to Decompose, Can Become Slimy
Avoid Using Too Much, Can Make Mixture Slimy
However Old, Peat Moss Makes a Great Compost Addition
Fast Decomposition
Thinly Layer; Avoid Clumping
Can Carry Disease & Only Be Used Safely Under Very Specific Conditions
Acidic, Do Not Over-Use
Takes Thousands of Years to Decompose
Popped or Not Popped, It's All Good
Sawdust May Contain Machine and/or Chain Oil
Apply in Thin Layers; Good Source for Trace Materials
Avoid Using Glossy, Weatherproof or Tough Paper & Colored Inks
Woody Purnings Are the Slowest to Break Down
Can Be Used In Very Small Quantities to Help Break Down Compost, Adds No Other Effect
Soil Can Be Added to Mask Odor & Accelerate Compost Process
Good for Compost but Attracts Insects & Animals to Compost Pile if Meat is Included
Avoid Pieces with Excessive Ink
Straw is Best; Hay (w/ Seeds) Is Less Ideal
Avoid Glossy Paper or Colored Ink
Inability to Break Down
Add w/ Dry Carbon Items
Bags of Tea Leaves or Loose Tea Leaves Work Well
Compost 'Accelerator'
Fast Decomposition
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A Longer Decomposition Time Than Most Items on the List But Definitely Possible
When Weeds Have Seeds, They Will Survive Composting Process & Weed When Compost is Applied
Compost 'Accelerator'
Only Use Ash from Clean Materials; Sprinkle Lightly
High Carbon Levels, Do Not Over-Use