

WHAT YOU CAN **COMPOST**

Vegetables
Eggshells (crushed)
Aquarium plants
Home brewing wastes (hops & malt)
Used paper napkins and paper towels
Old herbs and spices
Unpopped or burned popcorn
Hair and fur
Cardboard and paper plates (small pieces, uncoated)
Wooden chopsticks and toothpicks
Moderate amounts of stale (hard) bread & uncooked pasta
Coffee grounds
Tea leaves (loose)
Stale beer and wine
Dead houseplants & their soil



WHAT YOU CANNOT **COMPOST**

Bones
Meat
Dairy products
Eggs
Fats & fat-filled foods
Oils
Greasy foods
Plants or wood (e.g. -lumber), treated with pesticides or preservatives
Black Walnut tree debris
Diseased or insect-infested plants
Seedy weeds
Charcoal & charcoal ash
Animal or human waste
Citrus fruits
Stinky foods such as onions, garlic
Coffee pods
Teabags
Stickers on fruits & veggies
Coated cardboard packaging e.g. - waxy-lined paper cups, milk cartons, and juice boxes, and foil-lined paper snack, cracker, and cookie bags
Fertilizers
Invasive plants
Cigarettes
Vacuum cleaner debris
Leather
Pet litter
Dead animals

Chop up scraps into small pieces before adding them to the bin to allow for faster decomposition. Or put into blender with water for even smaller pieces. Keep your compost pile damp and turn it with a pitchfork a few times a month. You'll have excellent compost to add to your soil in no time.