

# COMPOSTING

*Reduce Waste and  
Naturally Nourish Your Garden*



City of Rye Sustainability Committee

# Benefits

- Reduce the amount of garbage you generate by as much as 50%. This means less tax dollars spent on collection and disposal.
- Compost is a nutrient rich “super soil” which can naturally fertilize your garden, lawn, trees, shrubs and houseplants.



# How To Compost

- Keep a pail or compost collector in the kitchen to collect your scraps.
- When it fills, empty it into the composter. Stir the newly added materials into the old.
- It's that simple!



# What To Compost

## Kitchen Greens

Fruit Scraps,  
Vegetable Scraps  
Houseplant cuttings,  
Coffee Grounds  
Rice, Pasta, Egg  
Shells, Tea Bags

## Kitchen Browns

Coffee Filters,  
Stale Bread, Paper  
Napkins & Towels,  
Dryer Lint, Hair

## Yard Greens

Flowers, Vegetables,  
Plant Trimmings,  
Hedge Clippings,  
Grass (small  
amounts)

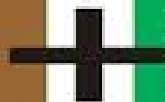
## Yard Browns

Leaves, Straw or  
Hay, Small  
Twigs/Chips, Dried  
Grass

### 3 parts Brown

Items that have a  
high content of  
carbon or  
carbohydrates

Leaves, Branches,  
Twigs, Sawdust,  
Paper, Etc...



### 1 part Green

Items that have a high  
content of nitrogen or  
protein

Grass clippings,  
Flowers, Egg shells,  
Coffee grounds,  
Manure, Vegetables &  
peelings, Etc...

# What NOT To Compost

- Meat, fish or bones
- Dairy products
- Oils or fats
- Sauces
- Ashes
- Pet waste
- Diseased plants
- Weeds



# Locating Your Composter

- The most important factor in locating a composter is **CONVENIENCE**. You will be adding material several times a week so set it up as close to your kitchen as possible.



# Using Compost

*Compost is a nutrient-rich soil amendment, created by the natural decomposition of kitchen and yard waste.*

**In Your Garden** - Spread compost in your vegetable garden or flower beds and work it into the soil

**On Your Lawn** - Top-dress your lawn with compost.

**Around Trees and Shrubs** - Spread compost around the base of trees or shrubs to naturally nourish them.



# FAQs

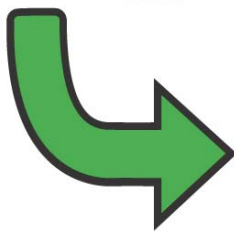
- 1. Will my compost smell?** Properly running composters do not give off any unpleasant odors.
- 2. How long before I get compost?** Most people can harvest finished compost every 6 months or so. It “cooks” more quickly in the summer.
- 3. What can I do to get rid of fruit flies?** If these bother you, add leaves or a thin layer of soil to your composter.
- 4. Will my composter attract rodents?** This is unlikely if you avoid putting in food scraps from meat, dairy, oil or fat.







# From Garbage to Garden



*It's Compost Time!*

