

# COMPOSTING WORKSHEET

Use the chart below to add one part Column A for every three parts Column B. Prior to adding materials, if you have the means (lawn mower with bag, or branch chipper) shred the materials prior to adding. Take note of the moisture level of your pile; if the pile is wet, add some more Column B material.

## WHAT TO ADD TO YOUR COMPOST PILE

Column A	Column B
Grass Clippings	Twigs/Wood Chips
Veggie and Fruit peelings	Leaves
Coffee Grounds and Filters	Saw dust
Egg Shells	Tea bags
Pond Algae	Yard Trimmings
Houseplants	Cardboard rolls (from paper towels or toilet paper)

## DON'T ADD THESE

What not to add to your Compost Pile	Why not?
Black Walnut tree leaves or twigs	Releases substances that might be harmful to plants
Coal or charcoal ash	May contain substances harmful to plants
Dairy products (butter, egg yolks, milk, yogurt)	Creates odor problems and attracts pests such as rodents and flies
Diseased or insect ridden plants	Diseases or insects might survive and be transferred back to other plants
Fats, grease, lard and/or oils	Creates odor problems and attracts pests such as rodents and flies
Meat or Fish bones and scraps	Creates odor problems and attracts pests such as rodents and flies.
Pet wastes (dog and cat feces, soiled cat litter)	Might contain parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens and viruses harmful to humans.
Yard Trimmings treated with chemical pesticides	Might kill beneficial composting organisms.

**RETHINK YOUR WASTE**

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