

SACKETS HARBOR COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES FOR SIMPLE, PASSIVE COMPOSTING SPRING, 2023

1. Simple composting requires just four basic elements:

- Carbon materials (brown) such as leaves and straw
- Nitrogen material (green) such as grass clippings, weeds, and kitchen waste
- Oxygen for decomposition, thus the need for aeration from occasional turning
- Water in a sufficient amount, but not excessive moisture

2. Our compost bins are designated for the following purposes:

- BIN # 1: New material, to begin decomposition
- BIN # 2: Partially decomposed material, turned from BIN # 1
- BIN # 3: Nearly finished material from BIN # 2, for further decomposition until ready to use

3. Place new material in BIN # 1 following a few easy steps:

- Break down/chop plant waste and weeds using shears or a shovel. Small material decomposes more quickly and is easier to turn over in the bin.
- Add weeds to the compost **BEFORE THEY GO TO SEED**. Simple composting will not generate enough heat to destroy weed seeds. Please don't share your weed seeds with your fellow gardeners!
- Kitchen waste may be placed in BIN # 1 if covered with plant material.

4. Compostable material includes the following:

- Yard and garden waste such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds, plant residue, and straw.

Kitchen waste: fruit/vegetable scraps and peelings, coffee grounds, and egg shells. NO MEAT AND NO DAIRY!

5. Cow, horse, and chicken manure can be composted if gardeners have access to such material, which should be added to BIN # 1.



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