

Compost

Questions about compost

1) Q: My compost is very dry, what do I do?

Answer: Add water while you turn your compost. Keep adding water until it is moist but not too wet. Cover the heap to stop it drying quickly.

2) Q: My compost is too wet, what do I do?

Answer: Turn your compost while adding more brown material. If you have a compost bin, take out some of the green material and put in more brown material.



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3) Q: Why does my compost have a very strong, bad smell?

Answer: Your compost heap has too much water and green material. Turn the compost a few times while adding some brown material. Turn the heap twice a week for twelve weeks.

4) Q: Why is my compost not composting?

Answer: Your compost has too much dry brown material. Take out some brown material, add some green material, water and turn. Turn twice a week for 12 weeks.

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Why compost?

- Compost helps keep soil healthy.
- Compost encourages good organisms to live in the soil.
- Compost helps make soil stronger so it is better for anchoring vegetables.
- Compost helps make vegetables grow well.
- Compost helps stop weeds so there is more light, space, water and nutrients for your vegetables.



- Compost helps good soil animals like worms that add nutrients and take air into the soil.
- Compost helps make the soil easy to work.
- Compost holds water in the soil so you don't need to irrigate as much.

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