**Basic Home Composting Recipe**

- **2-3 Parts Carbon - “Brown” materials**
  - Woody, dry materials- leaves, soiled paper, shredded paper, wood shavings, straw, animal bedding
  - Bulky materials, including branches should be chopped or shredded.

- **1 Part Nitrogen - “Green” materials**
  - Green, wet materials, such as kitchen scraps, grass clippings, garden trimmings (no weeds), manures (no cat or dog)

  ➢ **Combine organic materials in proper ratios**

- **Keep it small!**
  - Mowing, grinding, chipping, or shredding

- **Contain it!**
  - Minimum of 3 x 3 x 3
  - Bin or pile

- **A little soil or finished compost**

- **Moisture**
  - Just a little, like a damp sponge
  - Leave lid or cover off during rain
  - Required to keep compost microorganisms alive & active

- **Air/Aeration**
  - Turn or aerate materials
  - Or, place materials on perforated pipes

**Other Needs**

- Shovel or Pitch Fork
  - ✓ Or, bobcat/tractor
- Covered area for storage of leaves/carbon sources
- Thermometer
  - ✓ For hot composting
- *And, You, of course!*
Acceptable Materials

✓ Vegetable food scraps, peels
✓ Fruit scraps, peels
✓ Nuts & nut shells
✓ Dairy, cheese
✓ Coffee grounds/filters & tea bags
✓ Leaves, garden trimmings
✓ Napkins, paper towels
✓ Shredded paper
✓ Sawdust

DO NOT COMPOST

▪ Meat/Bones/Grease
▪ Weeds
  • Tomatoes & squash may sprout “volunteers”
▪ Cat litter or dog manure

** Small amounts of meat & grease, e.g., in soups, casseroles, sauces should be fine. Eggs & egg shells are fine.**