



5 TIPS

FOR COMPOSTING

Have you ever considered composting your food scraps and yard waste? Compost is an organic material used to add nutrients to soil. Yard waste and food scraps make up about 30% of landfills, and these items are the key ingredients for composting. Making compost keeps these items out of landfills, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, and enriches the soil for better quality foods. Fortunately, there are many different ways to make compost, including indoor and outdoor methods. Consider these five tips as you begin your composting journey.



Select a dry, shady area near a water source to place a composting bin or pile.



Use food scraps and yard waste making sure to avoid meats, oils, bones, and pet waste.



Moisten newly added dry materials with water and cover to maintain moisture.



Mix in grass clippings and green waste, and bury food scraps under 10 inches of compost material.



Track all items used throughout the two-to-five week composting process for future use.

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