



Compost Do's and Don'ts

<u>Do Use</u>	<u>Don't Use</u>
Grass clippings (thin layer)	Meat scraps (attracts dogs)
Weeds (before seeding)	Dog, cat, human feces
Farm animal manures	Plastic materials
Farm animal bedding	Shiny, colored magazines
Spent vegetable crops	Grass clippings with weed killers
Kitchen scraps (fruit, veggies)	Refuse from black walnuts (toxin)
Egg shells (put through coffee grinder)	Poison oak, ivy, or sumac parts
Straw, hay, (layer)	Coal and charcoal ashes
Sod (broken up)	Perennial weeds, ex. Bindweed
Coffee grounds, tea bags	Avocado skin and seeds (takes too long)
Old bulbs	Rose canes with thorns
Tops of perennials, entire annuals	*Diseased plants with mildew or blight (unless really hot)
Fallen fruit (cut up)	*Manure containing hay that has been sprayed with herbicide (called weed free hay)
Pine needles (chopped)	
Big fall leaves, shredded	
Wood chips, shredded	
Corn cobs, shredded	
Paper, shredded	
Wood ashes (thin sprinkling)	
Silt from ponds	