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Garden Gold: How to Enrich Your Soil with Compost



Compost is the single most important supplement you can give your garden soil. It is a simple way to add nutrient-rich humus which fuels plant growth and restores vitality to depleted soil. It's also free, easy to make and good for the environment.

GREEN materials:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Rinsed egg shells
- Fresh grass clippings
- Manure from vegetarian animals



BROWN materials:

- Dried leaves
- Corn stalks, straw, hay
- Dried grass clippings
- Cardboard or shredded newspaper (avoid glossy paper)
- Wood chips, sticks, sawdust, wood ash (in small amounts)



DO NOT ADD:

- BBQ ashes/coals
- Cooked foods
- Dairy
- Dog or cat feces
- Fats, grease, oils
- Fish, meat, bones
- Cat litter



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Always cover with a **BROWN** layer

Next: **GREEN**

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(max. 2" – 4")

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First Layer: **STICKS**
(4" – 6" in the bottom
of the composter)

Balance:

Mixing 50% – 75% **BROWN** and 25% – 50% **GREEN** will give you the desired nutrient content in your finished compost.

