

How to Use Your Compost



Incorporate your finished compost into new planting areas to support plant establishment and growth.



Sprinkle compost on the surface of existing soil to rejuvenate lawns or garden beds.



Spread a layer of compost around the base of plants to suppress weeds, regulate soil temperature, and retain moisture.



Blend your finished compost with potting soil to create a nutrient-rich mix for indoor and outdoor potted plants.

At-Home Composting Kits

Join us for quarterly composting workshops hosted by CR&R throughout the year. Residents can take advantage of exclusive discounts—25% off retail prices—on at-home composting kits available at these workshops. Please visit the City of Laguna Beach's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling for more information on upcoming CR&R compost workshops.



If you have any questions regarding your at-home composting program or general questions regarding your CR&R services, please contact Laguna Beach's dedicated customer service line at **949.662.3819** or email LagunaBeach-Recycles@crrmail.com.

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From Kitchen to Garden: Composting Guide



*A guide to composting
at home or at a
community garden*

What is Composting?

Composting is a natural process that transforms organic materials such as food scraps, yard waste, and other biodegradable materials into nutrient-rich soil.



Oxygen allows organisms to survive and keep the pile odor-free, while water enables organisms to move around and digest the organic material.

Compost Materials

Greens (Nitrogen)



Grass Clippings



Green Leaves



Flowers



Coffee Grounds/Tea Bags
(no nylon bags)



Fruit/Vegetable
Scraps



Egg Shells
(shell only)

Browns (Carbon)



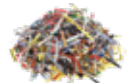
Wood Chips/Sawdust
(from untreated wood)



Twigs



Dry Leaves
(Brown leaf)



Shredded Paper

DO NOT INCLUDE

NO Diseased or infected plants, meat or fish, pet feces and litter, charcoal ash, fats, oils, and grease, dairy.

Benefits of Composting

- Prevents greenhouse gas emissions
- Improves soil quality and plant growth
- Reduces soil erosion
- Reduces run-off of fertilizer and pesticides into storm drains

How to Compost

STEP 1: Select a Compost Bin

Compost Tumbler, Wooden and Pallet Bins, Covered Piles, and Worm Bins.



STEP 2: Collect Your Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings

Compile your food scraps and yard trimmings in a bin or box that allows drainage.



STEP 3: Layer Your Materials (Browns and Greens)

Deposit alternate layers of your browns and greens.



STEP 4: Add Water to Keep Materials Moist

Water allows organisms to digest the materials.



STEP 5: Patience

Composting takes time!



STEP 6: Use Your Finished Compost

When your compost has turned into a dark and earthy-smelling material, your compost is ready to use!

