

# **Composting Guide**

### Yes!

## No!

#### **Greens** and **Browns**

**Greens** are quick to rot and provide important nitrogen and moisture. **Browns** are typically slower to rot, but provide fiber and carbon and also allow important air pockets to form in the mixture.

- · Fruit peels
- · Vegetable peels
- · Rotted fruits and veggies
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Egg shells
- Tea bags (non silk)
- Nuts and nut shells (absolutely no walnuts)
- Small white and brown paper scraps (in small amounts only)
- Paper bags (brown or white only)
- Newspaper
- Fall leaves
- Seaweed
- · Human hair

#### Do not include:

Putting these items in bin can encourage unwanted pests and can also create odor.

- Weeds
- Yard waste (due to chemicals)
- Dairy
- Bread
- Oils
- Plastics
- Animal products
- Metals

#### Where do I place my compostable items?

**During the garden season:** Compostable items can be placed in the one of the large compost bins located behind the garden shed.

During the winter months: Compostable items can be placed in one of the portable bins located outside of the garden gate.

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