



## Keep Calm and Add **Browns**

### **BROWNS:**

Dry leaves, grass clippings, wood chips, sawdust, shredded paper, finished compost, dirt, etc.

#### **COVER THE SCENT**

Always cover food scraps with a **thick** layer of “browns”.



#### **MIX AND TURN**

Wet compost can smell and attract animals. If wet, add dry browns as you mix. Mixing adds air which helps soil organisms break materials down.

### **You have options!**



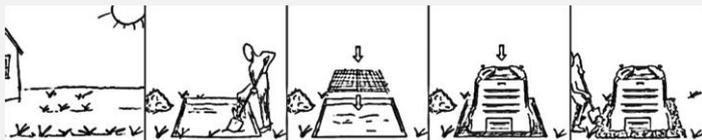
You can also bring food scraps to transfer stations and local drop-offs. Store scraps in the freezer until you're ready for a trip. Consider using drop-offs in the spring when bears are most active.



# Backyard basics

Manage food scraps & yard waste at home

**Composting:** Cover 1 part food scraps ("greens") with 3 parts dried yard waste ("browns") to produce rich compost for your garden. Purchase a bin or build your own.



Line ground with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wire mesh to keep critters out.

**Solar Digester:** Solar digesters like the *Green Cone* nourish nearby plants and break down food scraps, even meat and bones. Compost yard waste separately.

**Feed your chickens:** The gals love food scraps. Compost the scraps they don't eat.

**Vermicompost:** Let worms do the work. Bins are small enough (and clean enough!) to keep in the kitchen.

Look for bins or DIY plans at garden stores or your local waste management entity (find at [802recycles.com](http://802recycles.com)).



**Worried about animals?** You don't have to compost meat & bones at home. Take them to a drop-off or throw them in the trash. Always cover newly-added scraps with a *thick* layer of "browns" and mix often to minimize odors.

**Questions?**

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