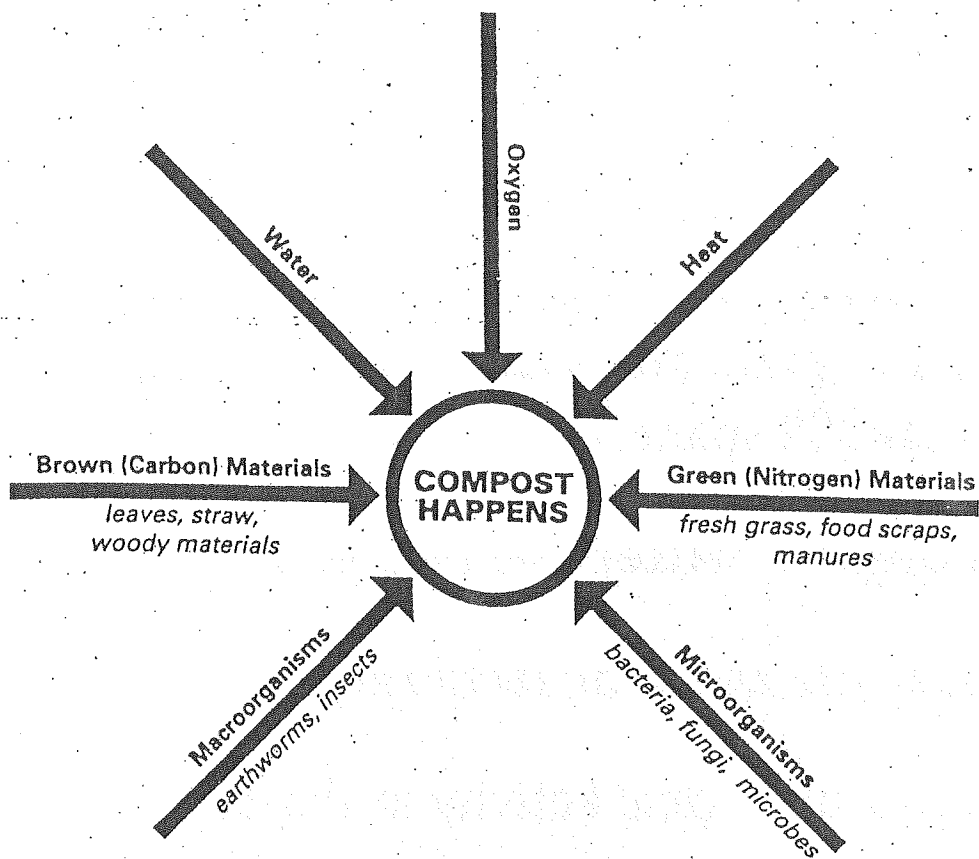


BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

Composting involves biological decomposition of organic materials to produce a stable, weed-free, pathogen-free, humus-like product. Using compost benefits the environment in a number of ways:

- Diverts yard trimmings, leaves, and other valuable organic materials from landfills, saving landfill space.
- Adds organic matter and nutrients to soil.
- Reduces the need for fertilizers.
- Increases biological activity in the soil.
- Prevents soil erosion.
- Reduces requirements for irrigation.
- Reduces the need for pesticides.
- Increases porosity of heavy clay soil.
- Encourages slow release of nitrogen.
- Improves drought tolerance.



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