







COMPOSTING & GARDENING CALENDER

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add to garden before planting. ☑ Plant cold season veggies: cabbage, carrots, peas & lettuce. ☑ Plant bare root roses & fruit trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add to garden before planting. ☑ Fertilize citrus with compost. ☑ Plant gladiolus corms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Work compost into garden before planting perennials. ☑ Plant smog sensitive plants: petunias, cucumbers & snap beans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Till compost into garden before planting summer veggies: peppers, melons, radishes, squash & tomatoes. 
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Add compost to garden before planting summer annuals: alyssum, dahlias, marigolds & zinnias. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Use a mulching mower--lawn clippings are good for your lawn! ☑ Add compost to garden and plant more summer veggies: snap & lima beans, beets, spinach, sunflower & watermelon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Use hot weather flowers to fill in the garden: portulaca, verbena, vinca rosea & zinnias. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed, to keep compost moist. ☑ Dried plants are a good brown material for our compost pile. Grass clippings are a good source of greens. <p>Conserve water by watering in the evening.</p>
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add water, if needed. ☑ Buy bulbs for planting between now & Dec. ☑ Add compost to the garden; plant calendula, pansy, stock & Iceland poppy for holiday color. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add fall leaves to compost bin--they're a good source of browns. ☑ Mix finished compost into garden; plant spring bulbs (except tulips and hyacinths). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; continue to add veggie scraps & plants. Add fall leaves too. ☑ Plant California natives & drought resistant plants--they need coolness & winter rains to become established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Turn compost weekly; add browns, if compost pile is too moist. ☑ Time to plant tulips & hyacinths (after they've chilled for six weeks). 

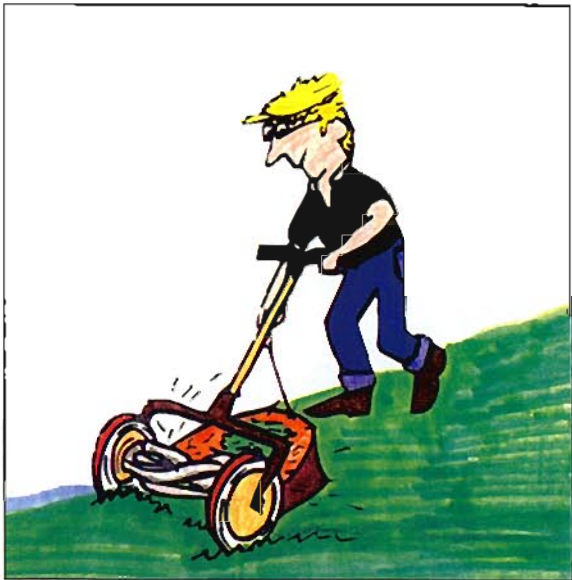
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COMPOSTING
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 **Greens** +  **Browns** +  **Air/Water** =  **Compost!**



 Greens provide the energy for your compost pile. Greens are the nitrogen source.

 Browns are the carbon source for your compost pile. Browns provide food for your compost pile.

 In a compost bin or pile, mix: equal parts of "greens" and "browns". Add water to make the mixture moist and stir once a week. Whether store-bought or homemade, composting bins can be made of:

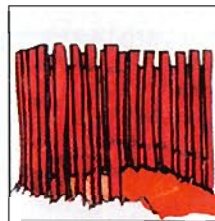
 Finished COMPOST is used to enrich the soil, improve soil structure, and as a mulch to retain moisture and protect plants.

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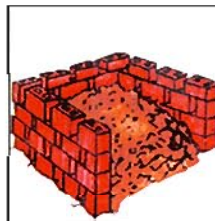
Typical browns are:

-  **LAWN CLIPPINGS**
-  **VEGETABLE SCRAPS**
-  **PLANT PRUNINGS**
-  **GARDEN WEEDS**
-  **HORSE MANURE**

-  **DRY LEAVES**
-  **WOOD SHAVINGS**
-  **SAWDUST**
-  **DRIED LAWN CLIPPINGS**
-  **SHREDDED NEWSPAPER**
-  **STRAW**



WOOD



BRICK



WIRE



PLASTIC

TROUBLESHOOTING . . .

Symptom	Problem	Solution
Bad odor.	Not enough air, or too much green material.	Mix the pile, or add in more brown material.
Composts too slowly.	Not enough water.	Moisten and mix the pile.
Pile is damp and warm only in center.	Pile is too small.	Collect more material and mix it into the pile.
Pile is damp and sweet-smelling but no heat.	Lack of green material.	Mix in more green material like fresh grass clippings yard trimmings, and weeds.