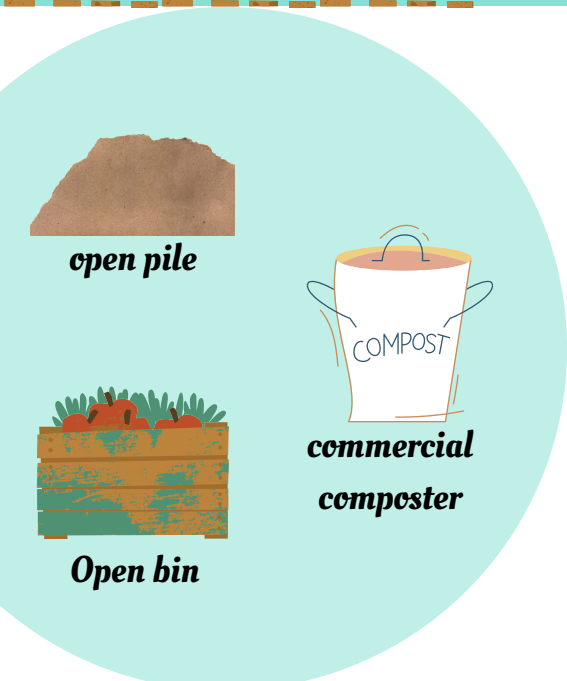


BACKYARD COMPOSTING



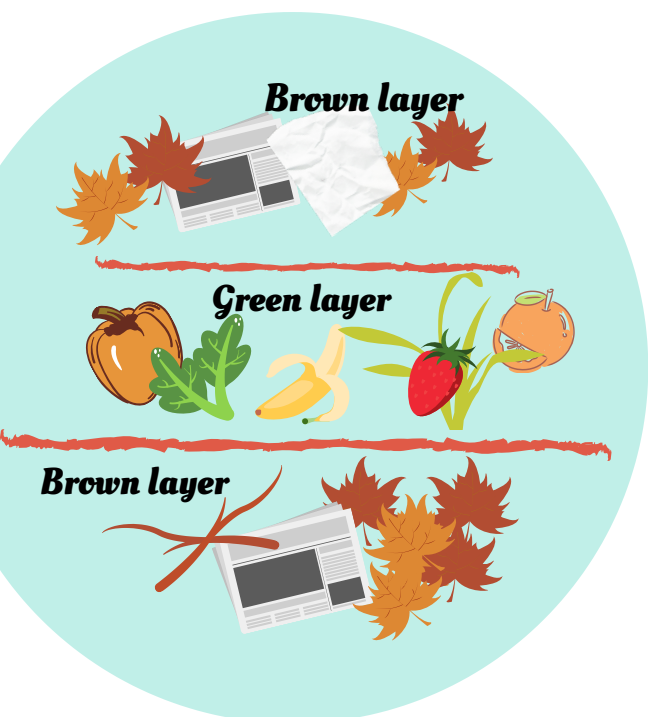
CHOOSE YOUR METHOD

Are you using a closed bin, pile, wire bin, or direct burial in the soil?



CHOOSE THE LOCATION

Shady, well draining, and preferably away from the house.



BUILD UP YOUR LAYERS

- Dry/ brown materials: dry leaves, cardboard, straw, newspaper...
- Wet/ green materials: kitchen scraps, eggshells, coffee grind, teabags, grass clippings...

MAINTAIN THE PILE

Keep your compost pile well balanced with equal amounts of brown and green material. Water if it is too dry, but do not make it soggy. Aerate it by mixing it or turning it using a garden fork.



HARVEST

Usually, home composting is done in small scale. For this reason it can be ready in a year or less. A well done compost should not smell bad. You may sift the final product to get any twigs or clumps out.

What Not to Add to Compost

- Dairy
- Grease and fat
- Plastic
- Aluminum foil
- Baking soda
- cleaning products
- Meat & bones
- Treated Lumber