

# COMPOSTING DO'S AND DON'TS

Whether you are collecting compostable materials for pickup or doing it yourself, here are some compost do's and don'ts to consider for your bin.\*

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fruits &amp; vegetables</li><li>• Coffee grounds &amp; paper filters</li><li>• Paper napkins</li><li>• Tissues</li><li>• Paper towels</li><li>• Newspaper</li><li>• Cardboard (w/ no tape or labels)</li><li>• Grass &amp; yard clippings</li><li>• Straw &amp; hay</li><li>• Dry leaves</li><li>• Plant stalks &amp; twigs</li><li>• Eggshells (crushed)</li><li>• Shredded paper (non-coated)</li><li>• Shredded brown paper bags</li><li>• Sawdust &amp; wood shavings</li><li>• Non-plastic tea bags (staple removed)</li><li>• Hair (uncolored and unbleached)</li><li>• Nail clippings (without polish)</li><li>• Natural corks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diseased plants</li><li>• Dairy products</li><li>• Coal or charcoal ashes</li><li>• Meat, fish &amp; bones</li><li>• Oils (except in small amounts)</li><li>• Any toxic material</li><li>• Animal waste</li><li>• Fruit &amp; veggie stickers/labels</li><li>• Fat</li><li>• Glossy paper (coated)</li><li>• Grease (except in small amounts)</li><li>• Sawdust &amp; wood shavings from pressure-treated or painted wood</li><li>• Plastic or bioplastic</li><li>• Styrofoam</li><li>• Dryer lint</li><li>• Cooked foods (except in small amounts)</li></ul>

\*Composting rules can differ from place to place, so be sure to check local rules and ordinances before you get started.