

# PLEASE FOLLOW OUR COMPOSTING 1-2-3



## Chop larger materials before you add them to the bin

Chop material into pieces **no longer than 3cm** and add them to the emptiest bin first. Smaller pieces decompose more rapidly.

Please do **NOT** add green alkanet, bluebell or arum to the compost bins. These should be taken away and disposed as Green Waste to minimise the spread of invasive plants. Large material (branches) should be left by the side of the bin.

Why not join one of our regular “chopping circles” to help prepare materials for composting – it’s a great social activity!



## Mix the brown materials with the green materials

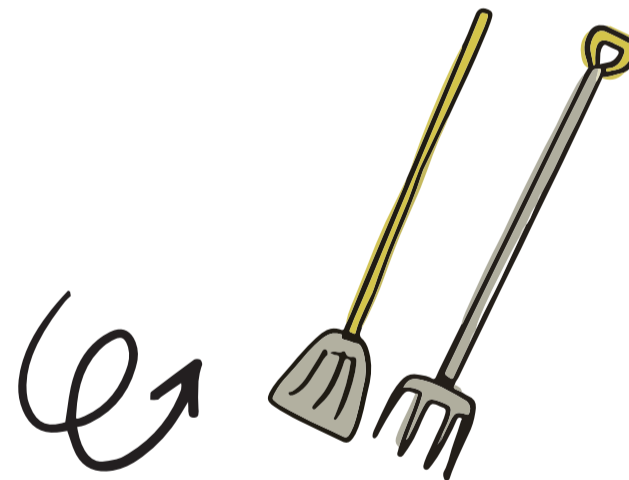
For healthy compost the best mix of nutrients is **two parts carbon-rich “brown” materials**, such as dried leaves, mixed **with one part nitrogen-rich “green” materials**, such as grass clippings. Other proportions of brown to green can still create good compost, but may decompose more slowly.



## Maintain the moisture as damp as a wrung out sponge

A compost pile functions best when the materials are as damp as a wrung-out sponge and have many air passages. So don’t compact the pile too much. If you notice the bins becoming waterlogged you can loosen the contents. **The pile should be turned completely every 4-6 weeks** to aid the decomposition process.

If you follow these steps our compost will be ready to spread around the garden every 6-8 months!

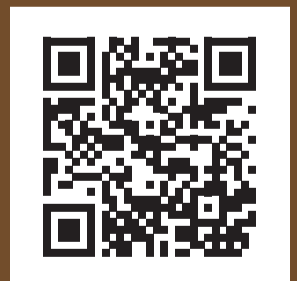


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