

# Building a Hot Pile for Workshop or Demo

## 1. Determine location for hot pile at workshop or demo site

Be sure it is near a water source.

Be sure you can get water when you set it up

*Plan to build the pile 3 days before a workshop* so it truly is a hot pile

## 2. Gather supplies

- Four 30 gal bags of brown leaves
- Two 30 gal bags of fresh grass clippings & 1/2 of 30 gal bag green weeds
- 1 bin
- 1 hose
- 1 water wand
- 1 med bag coarse sticks or corn stalks

## 3. Recipe

- Put 2 inch layer of coarse sticks or corn stalks on bottom
- Add 1 bag of brown leaves
- Add 1 bag of green grass with plus some of green weeds
- Water 10 –15 min
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- Add 1 bag of brown leaves
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## 4. Check pile the end of day two to see if heating up (just use hand)

- If not, check moisture, or add more green.

## 5. Turn pile at workshop

- Let people feel and see heat (participants do turning)
- Let participants feel moisture level (squeeze test)
- Let participants see that you move empty bin to the side and transfer composting pile into empty bin.