

FAST TRACK COMPOST

**1st Make a thin layer of coarse organic material
(sticks, corn stalks) ----layer is optional**

**2nd Layer approx. equal weights
of brown (carbon) & green (nitrogen) yard materials
.... Water each layer as pile is built
.... Finish off pile with brown layer of dried plant material**

Hint ----- Chopping materials up first will speed up composting.
Use a lawnmower, shredder or machete.

Optional--- Some recipes add an inch of soil or finished compost
after each layer of brown and green. This will add
extra microorganisms but is not necessary. There are
enough microbes already present on yard materials to
inoculate the pile.

3rd... Turn pile every week or two to add Oxygen

**4th ...Water layers of pile as it's turned.
Keep pile damp as a wrung out sponge.**

**Finished compost will take between 6 wk. and 12 months,
depending on how often you turn it and water it to keep the
pile moist. Mixing equal weights of brown and green yard
materials is also important for fast compost**

LAID BACK / NO TURN COMPOSTING

**1st Make a thin layer of coarse organic material
(sticks, corn stalks) ----*layer is optional***

2nd Add your yard materials as they accumulate

**3rd Water the pile as you build it. Keep as moist as
a wrung-out sponge.**

4th ... Turn pile occasionally or not at all

Some finished compost will be ready in 12-24 months.

The bottom and center of the pile will be dark, crumbly ready-to-use compost. The uncomposted material can be used to start a new pile.