

Troubleshooting Compost

PROBLEM	Observation	Solution
Too Dry	Dry or crackles to touch	Add water; keep pile as damp as a wrung out sponge
Too Wet	Soggy, may smell	Turn pile to add oxygen. Discontinue watering until pile just damp
All Green	Pile matted, especially if grass clippings used. Smells bad.	Turn pile and mix in approx. equal weights of brown materials
Meat, fat, salad oil	Pile matted, smells, attracting varmints	Remove meat, fat or materials with salad oil
Anaerobic	Smells bad	Needs oxygen, turn pile