

# COMPOST PROBLEMS?

ADD MORE BROWN MATERIAL



<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>SOLUTION</b>
Bin has a bad odour.	Not enough air; pile is too wet.	Turn pile. Add coarse, dry materials such as straw or cornstalks.
Pile is dry throughout.	Not enough water. Too much woody material.	Turn and moisten materials. Add fresh greens. Cover pile to reduce evaporation.
Compost material is damp and warm only in the middle.	Not enough material in the bin.	Collect more material and mix the new ingredients into the old.
Material is damp, but not heating up.	Lack of nitrogen-rich greens.	Mix in green materials such as fresh clippings or fresh manure.
Bin attracting urban wildlife.	Improper food scraps added.	Do not add meat, fats, bones, animal waste or sweet fruit and vegetables.