



# Composting

The A.T. Allen composting bin is located under the shelter in the school garden. The compost bin must be rotated daily and items can be added at any time. Be sure to close the lid properly! Fresh compost is harvested and added to the school garden during the first week of every month.



Here are a few ways you can add to our compost bin:

- Check the lunch menu each week and circle the appropriate foods - bring scraps, peelings & leftovers to the bin during recess
- Add clippings from plants that are being “pinched out” or pruned
- Add shredded newspaper from class projects
- Bring items from home in a zip-lock bag.

COMPOSTING 101	
Greens (Nitrogen)	Browns (Carbon)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food scraps</li> <li>• Vegetable scraps</li> <li>• Fruit wastes</li> <li>• Coffee grounds</li> <li>• Tea bags/leaves</li> <li>• Fresh grass clippings</li> <li>• Other garden waste (plants, stalks, flowers)</li> <li>• Chicken/livestock manure</li> <li>• Corn husks</li> <li>• Stale/crusty bread</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaves</li> <li>• Shredded straw, hay</li> <li>• Sawdust</li> <li>• Woody chips &amp; twigs</li> <li>• Shredded newspaper</li> <li>• Nut shells</li> <li>• Corn stalks and cobs</li> <li>• Brown paper bags</li> <li>• BP &amp; paper towel rolls</li> <li>• Crushed eggshells</li> <li>• Cereal boxes</li> <li>• Ashes from wood</li> <li>• String/cotton thread</li> <li>• Wool</li> </ul>
Prohibited Items	Troubleshooting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meat</li> <li>• Fish</li> <li>• Poultry</li> <li>• Bones</li> <li>• Milk products</li> <li>• Oil</li> <li>• Pet manure</li> <li>• Weed seeds</li> <li>• Diseased/insect infested plants</li> <li>• Glossy paper</li> <li>• Anything with harsh chemicals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ideal N:C Ratio = 2:1</b> (Brown material volume is patch!)</p> <p>Too much Nitrogen = smelly compost</p> <p>Too much carbon = won't break down</p> <p>• In-patch do Adequate moisture</p> <p>• Add bio-activator</p> <p>• Bury food scraps into soil for pest control</p>

