



# PERTH DUPONT Community Garden

## ..... Materials To Compost .....

The following lists of items only apply to backyard composting or home composting, not the Green Bin Program :

### FOOD

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|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Apples          | Carrots                 | Pears               |
| Artichokes      | Celery                  | Pineapple           |
| Asparagus       | Citrus fruits and rinds | Potatoes            |
| Bananas         | Coffee grounds          | Pumpkins            |
| Beans           | Corn cobs (chopped)     | Rice                |
| Beets           | Cucumber                | Squash              |
| Berries         | Egg shells (crushed)    | Tea bags and leaves |
| Bread           | Grapes                  | Tomatoes            |
| Broccoli        | Lettuce                 | Turnips             |
| Brussel sprouts | Melons                  | Zucchini            |
| Buckwheat hulls | Onions                  |                     |
| Cabbage         | Oats and oatmeal        |                     |

### OTHER

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Algae (pond weeds) | Granite dust       | Plants (chopped) |
| Apple pomace       | Grass              | Rhubarb leaves   |
| Blood meal         | Hair               | Rope             |
| Bone meal          | Hay                | Sawdust          |
| Cocoa bean shells  | Hops (spent)       | Seaweed          |
| Corn stalks        | Leather waste      | Soil             |
| Cotton rags        | Dust               | Straw            |
| Dryer lint         | Leaf mold          | String           |
| Feathers           | Leaves             | Weeds            |
| Felt waste         | Muck (marsh/swamp) | Wood ash         |
| Flowers            | Peanut hulls       | Wool rags        |
| Garden waste       | Peat moss          | Yard waste       |
| Grape plant waste  | Pine needles       |                  |

### DO NOT COMPOST

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|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Butter               | Fish       | Peanut butter                        |
| Bones                | Lard       | Pressure treated wood scraps         |
| Charcoal or coal ash | Margarine  | Or the pressure-treated wood sawdust |
| Cheese               | Mayonnaise | Sour cream                           |
| Chicken              | Meat       | Yogurt                               |
| Diseased plants      | Milk       | Vacuum bags and dust                 |
| Dog and cat feces    | Oils       |                                      |

Note : Composting these materials is not recommended due to : slowness in breakdown and potential of odours, attracting pests and toxicity. Adapted from materials by the Seattle Tilth Association, the Seattle Solid Waste Utility, and the Recycling Council of Ontario.

Notes Part 2 : Woody plant parts – please do not try to add Sunflower stalks, or tomato stems to the compost – general rule of thumb – if it is too hard to chop up quickly, then it should go into a yard waste bag.