

Radio PSA Script

Home Composting

This is <name> with <affiliation>. You may have heard oil referred to as “black gold,” but did you know some garden enthusiasts refer to compost as “black gold?” Composting is a natural process that turns kitchen, yard and garden wastes into a high-quality soil conditioner. Yard trimmings and food wastes typically make up 20 to 25 percent of the waste going into our landfills. Home composting is a good method to use to keep this waste out of our garbage. Examples of common materials that can be composted in your backyard include: fruits and vegetable scraps, coffee grinds with filters, eggshells, tea bags, shredded newspaper, and yard trimmings. Avoid including items that may attract rodents or create odor problems, such as dairy products and meat scraps. The finished compost can be spread on lawns or mixed with garden soil as a natural soil conditioner. To begin composting at home, you may purchase a pre-made bin or build one on your own. Plans for a variety of simple compost bins are available through the Cooperative Extension Service, as is additional information about setting up and managing your backyard compost pile. For more information contact your county Extension Service office or visit www.howtocompost.org.

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