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COMPOST: A REAL BLACK GOLD!

If you have a garden, you can have compost. If you have compost, you will have an even better garden. Here is a simple formula to recycle natural materials you probably have on hand all the time and a simple procedure for you to turn them into black garden gold.

Ingredients: You need browns and greens to make compost.

BROWNS

Dry leaves
Twigs and branches chipped
Straw
Sawdust
Newspaper & junk mail shredded
or torn into strips
Coffee grounds and paper filters

GREENS

Grass clippings
Landscape trimmings
Vegetable plant trimmings
Fruit and vegetable peels
Alfalfa hay, pellets or meal

Procedure:

- ❖ Blend green material
- ❖ Blend brown material
- ❖ Layer greens and browns 4 to 6 inches deep in a composting bin, (kind of like making lasagna).
- ❖ Do not let the pile get too dry – it should be as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Add water regularly in dry weather. The pile may need to be covered in wet weather.
- ❖ Turn the pile weekly to provide aeration, but keep on layering greens and browns, always keeping the greens covered with browns. The deepest area of the pile will start composting the fastest.

Before you know it, you will have beautiful rich compost to add to your flower and vegetable beds. Congratulations!!

Formula partially taken from www.CLEANUP.org

