

# Recycle Coach Composting Activity Packet

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# Sort the Items

Directions: Circle the items that can go into your compost and place an X on the ones that should not go in your compost.



# Coloring Page

Directions: Color in the picture then trace the phrase below to find out the important recycling lesson.

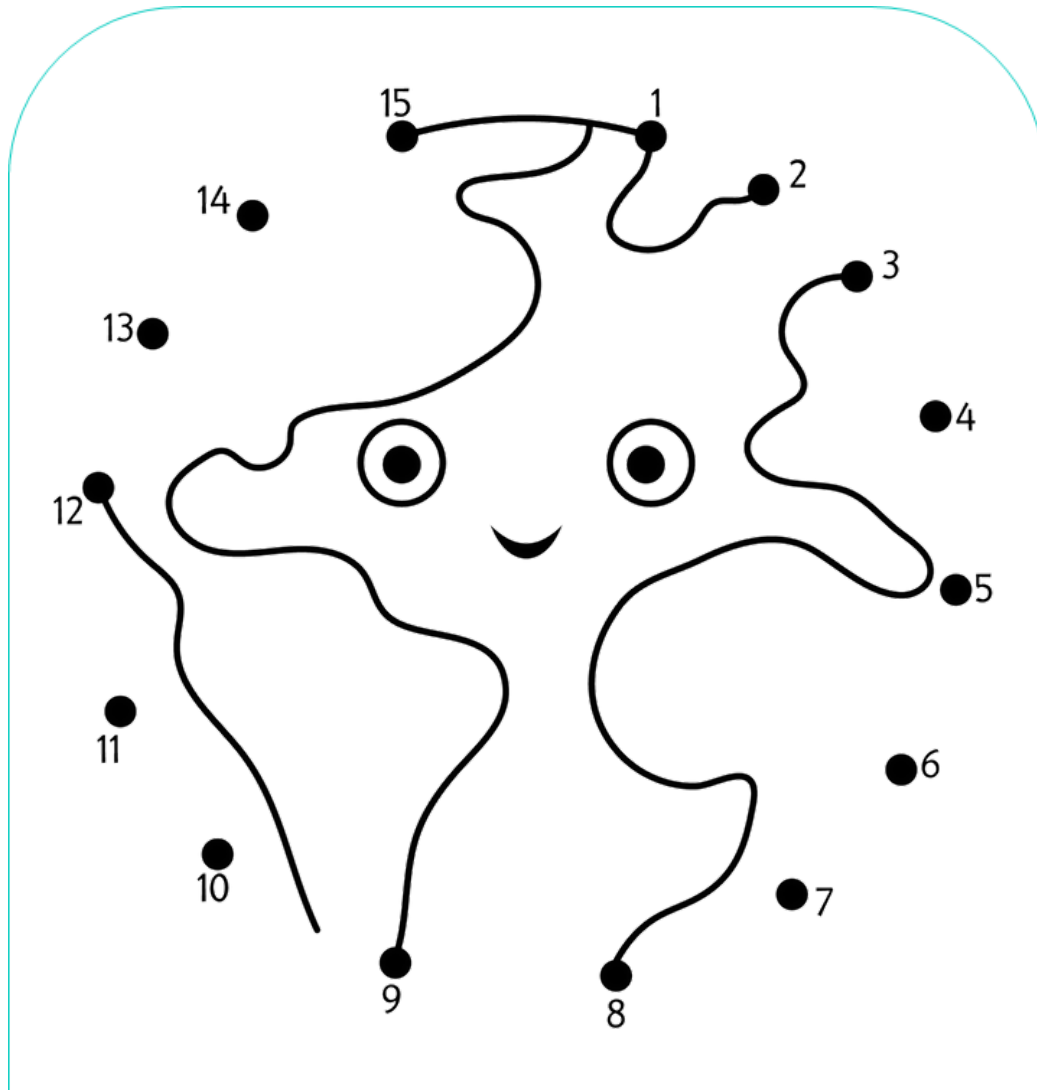


Recycle food waste with a

Compost Bin

# Connect the Dots

Directions: Connect the dots to complete the image. Then color it in.

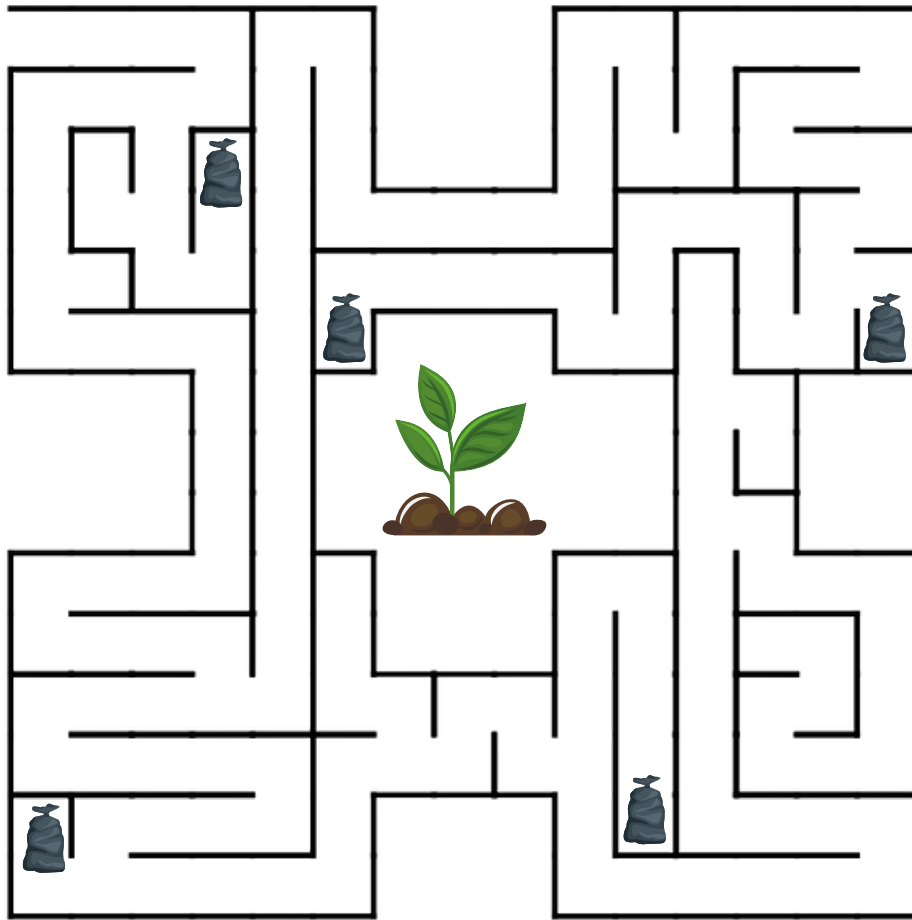


Start a compost to help planet Earth by reducing food waste!



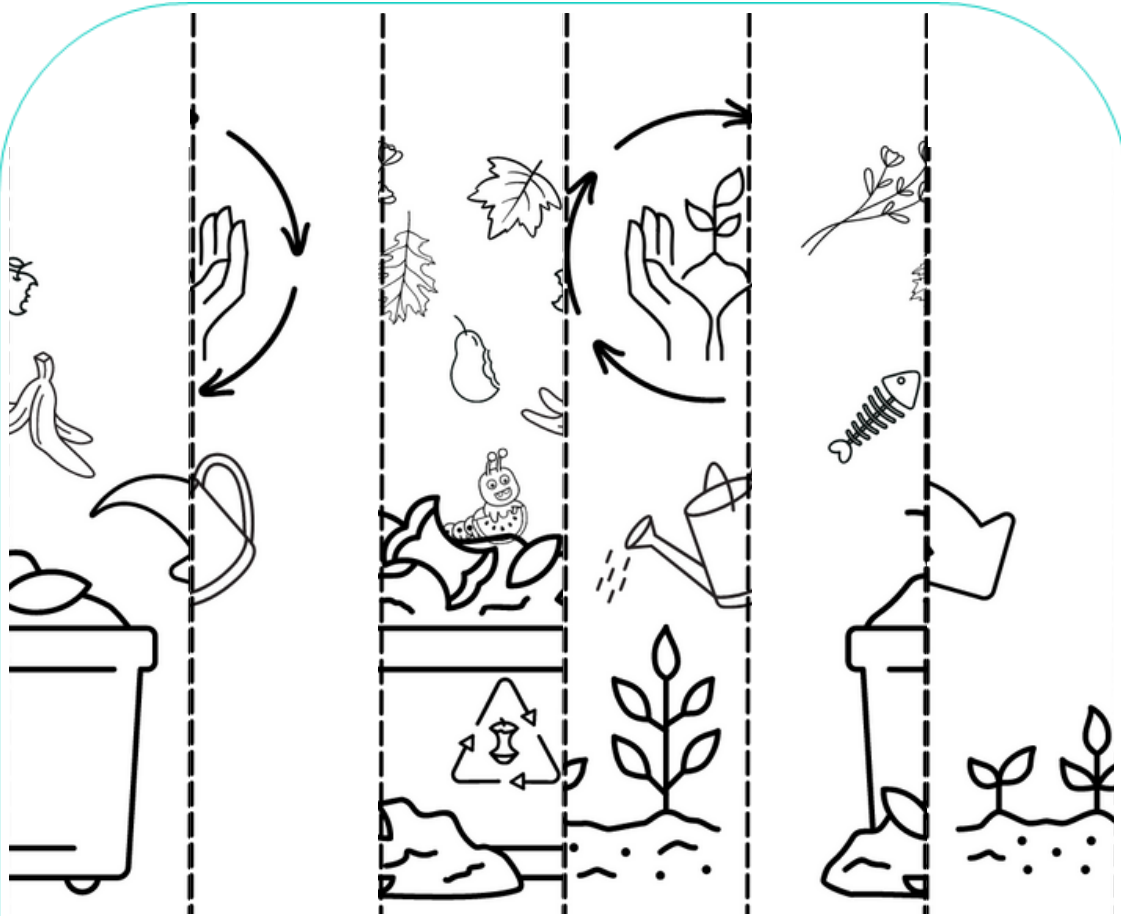
# Maze

Directions: Can you get the apple through the maze and to the compost? If you've reached a garbage bag, you've gone the wrong way!



# Cut and Paste Puzzle

**Directions:** Cut along the dotted lines then organize the puzzle into the correct image to see how composting works. Paste it onto a piece of scrap paper. Finish by coloring in the picture when the glue dries.



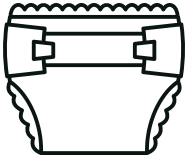

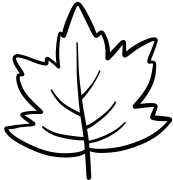

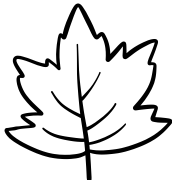
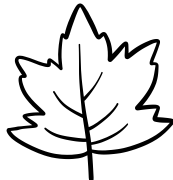
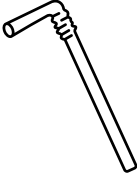





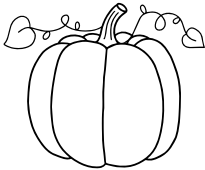
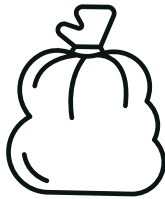

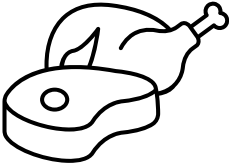
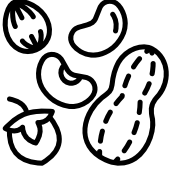



With the right mix of green and brown materials, compost turns into nutrient rich soil over time. When used in your garden, this soil can help your plants grow.



# What Doesn't Belong

Directions: Circle the item that doesn't belong in each series. Then color in the items that are compostable.



# Start a Compost

Help recycle your food waste as compost!

Composting is all about finding the right balance of ingredients. Using water, air, sunlight, green materials, and brown materials, you can start producing rich topsoil that'll give your garden a natural boost.

Brown materials are any carbon-rich matter and green materials are any nitrogen or protein-rich matter. There should be about two to four parts brown material to every one part green material. Adding even more brown material will eliminate the odor, but too much brown materials will slow down the process.

Be sure to keep your compost moist like a sponge. Break down materials as small as possible before adding them. Turn the pile regularly to make sure all parts get enough air. The perfect pile shouldn't stink. It should smell like soil. And when it's done composting, it'll look like chocolate cake.

## GREEN MATERIALS

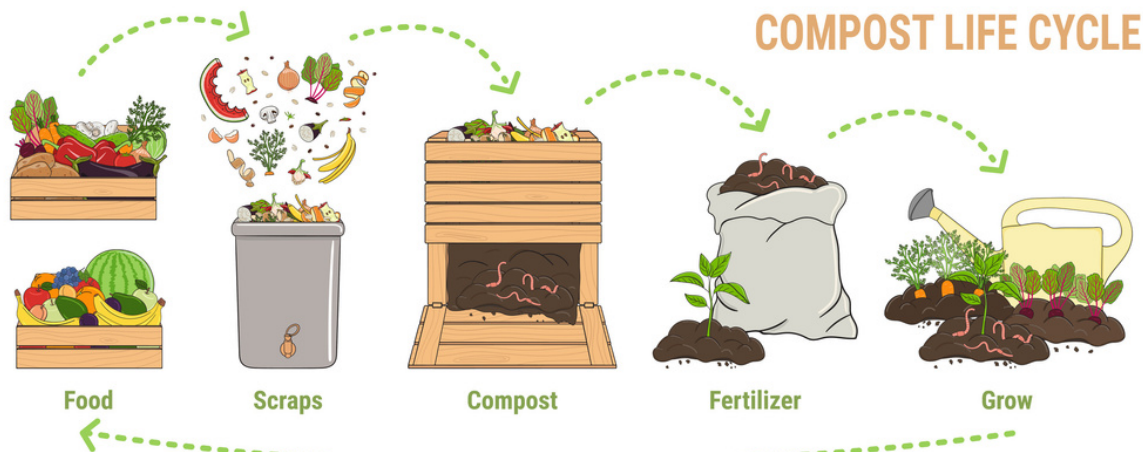
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds and teabags
- Fresh leaves and plants
- Grass clippings
- Other organic kitchen waste

## BROWN MATERIALS

- Breads and grains
- Nutshells and egg shells
- Shredded newspaper
- Dead leaves
- Twigs and small branches

## DO NOT COMPOST

- Fats, grease, or oils
- Dairy products, meat, or fish
- Pet waste or litter
- Yard waste with pesticides
- Coal or ashes

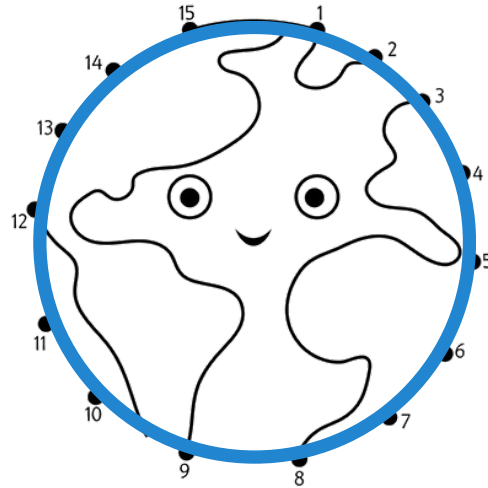




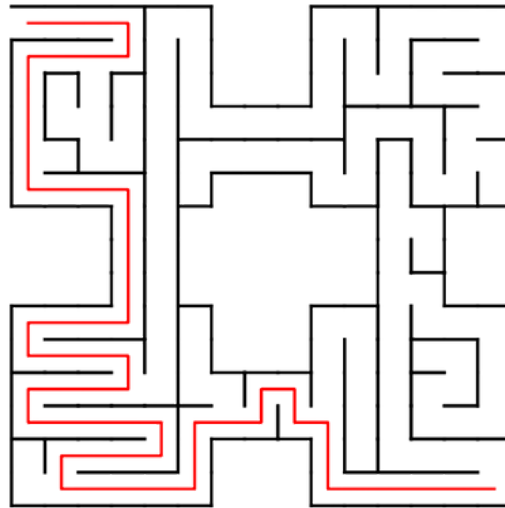
# Answer Key

\*\*\* Each recycling program is unique in what it accepts, therefore any activity that asks you to look up items in the 'What Goes Where' search tool will not have answers provided in this answer key. The correct answer for each item are searchable on the Recycle Coach Mobile App.

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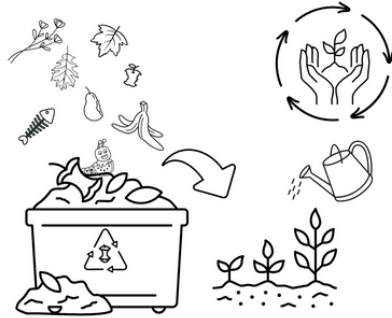


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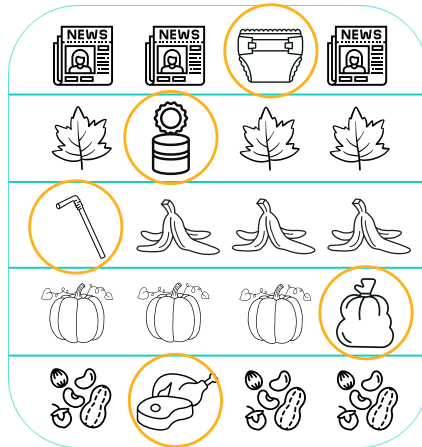


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